

HOUSE BILL NO. 55

1/07 Introduced
1/07 Referred to Highways & Transportation
1/29 Hearing
2/01 Adverse Committee Report
2/04 Bill Killed

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 2 INTRODUCED BY GILBERT

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 4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING A MOTOR
 5 VEHICLE TO DRAW THREE VEHICLES ATTACHED BY THE SADDLE-MOUNT
 6 METHOD; INCREASING THE MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR DRAWN OR TOWED
 7 VEHICLE COMBINATIONS TO 75 FEET; AND AMENDING SECTION
 8 61-10-104, MCA."

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 10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

11 Section 1. Section 61-10-104, MCA, is amended to read:

12 "61-10-104. Length. (1) A single truck, bus, or any
 13 self-propelled vehicle, unladen or with load, may not have
 14 an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in
 15 excess of 40 feet.

16 (2) When used in a truck tractor-semitrailer
 17 combination, the semitrailer may not exceed 48 feet in
 18 length, excluding those portions not designed to carry a
 19 load, except as provided by 61-10-124. When used in a truck
 20 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, the semitrailer and
 21 trailer may not exceed 28 1/2 feet each in length, excluding
 22 those portions not designed to carry a load, except as
 23 provided by 61-10-124. Truck tractor-semitrailer and truck
 24 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combinations are not subject to
 25 an overall combination length limit. All other combinations

1 of vehicles may not have an overall length, inclusive of
 2 front and rear bumpers, in excess of 75 feet, except as
 3 provided by 61-10-124. If the combination consists of more
 4 than two units, the rear units of the combination shall be
 5 equipped with breakaway brakes.

6 (3) A motor vehicle may not tow more than one motor
 7 vehicle, and a motor vehicle may not draw more than two
 8 three motor vehicles attached to it by the ~~dual~~ saddle-mount
 9 method (that is, by mounting the front wheels of one vehicle
 10 on the bed of another, leaving only the rear wheels of the
 11 vehicle in contact with the roadway), nor may this
 12 combination have an overall length, inclusive of front and
 13 rear bumpers, in excess of 65 75 feet.

14 (4) A passenger vehicle or truck of less than 2,000
 15 pounds "manufacturers' rated capacity" may not tow more than
 16 one trailer or semitrailer, nor may this combination have an
 17 overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in
 18 excess of 65 75 feet."

19 NEW SECTION. Section 2. Extension of authority. Any
 20 existing authority of the department of highways to make
 21 rules on the subject of the provisions of this act is
 22 extended to the provisions of this act.

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