

SENATE BILL NO. 72
INTRODUCED BY MEYER, CAMPBELL
BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS

IN THE SENATE

JANUARY 6, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
	FIRST READING.
JANUARY 18, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.
JANUARY 19, 1989	PRINTING REPORT.
JANUARY 20, 1989	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
JANUARY 21, 1989	ENGROSSING REPORT.
JANUARY 23, 1989	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 49; NOES, 1.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

JANUARY 24, 1989	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.
FEBRUARY 20, 1989	FIRST READING.
MARCH 1, 1989	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 4, 1989	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 6, 1989	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 84; NOES, 8.
	RETURNED TO SENATE.

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MARCH 7, 1989	RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.
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SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

1 *Senate* BILL NO. 73
 2 INTRODUCED BY *Dan Engler Campbell*
 3 BY REQUEST OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS
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5 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM
 6 SEMITRAILER LENGTH ALLOWED WITHOUT A SPECIAL PERMIT;
 7 EXCLUDING A TRUCK TRACTOR-SEMITRAILER-SEMITRAILER
 8 COMBINATION FROM THE OVERALL LENGTH LIMIT; LIMITING THE
 9 MAXIMUM LENGTH FOR STINGER-STEERED AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTERS;
 10 ALLOWING TRIPLE SADDLE-MOUNT COMBINATIONS; AND AMENDING
 11 SECTION 61-10-104, MCA."
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13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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

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 16 self-propelled vehicle, unladen or with load, may not have
 17 an overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in
 18 excess of 40 feet.

19 (2) (a) When used in a truck tractor-semitrailer
 20 combination, the semitrailer may not exceed ~~40~~ 53 feet in
 21 length, excluding those portions not designed to carry a
 22 load, except as provided by 61-10-124. When used in a truck
 23 tractor-semitrailer-trailer or a truck
 24 tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination, the semitrailer
 25 and trailer or the two semitrailers may not exceed 28 1/2

1 feet each in length, excluding those portions not designed
 2 to carry a load, except as provided by 61-10-124. Truck
 3 tractor-semitrailer, and truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer,
 4 and truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combinations are
 5 not subject to an overall combination length limit.

6 (b) A stinger-steered automobile transporter may not
 7 exceed 75 feet in length plus a maximum 3 feet of front
 8 overhang and 4 feet of rear overhang except as provided by
 9 61-10-124. "Stinger-steered automobile transporter" means a
 10 truck tractor-semitrailer combination that has a fifth wheel
 11 on a drop frame located behind and below the rear axle of
 12 the truck tractor and that is designed and used for the
 13 transportation of vehicles.

14 (c) All other combinations of vehicles may not have an
 15 overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in
 16 excess of 75 feet, except as provided by 61-10-124. If the
 17 combination consists of more than two units, the rear units
 18 of the combination shall be equipped with breakaway brakes.

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 20 vehicle, and a motor vehicle may not draw more than two
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 22 saddle-mount method (that is, by mounting the front wheels
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 24 wheels of the vehicle in contact with the roadway), nor may
 25 this combination have an overall length, inclusive of front

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1 and rear bumpers, in excess of 65 feet.

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3 pounds "manufacturers' rated capacity" may not tow more than
4 one trailer or semitrailer, nor may this combination have an
5 overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in
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7 **Section 2. Extension of authority.** Any existing
8 authority to make rules on the subject of the provisions of
9 [this act] is extended to the provisions of [this act].

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