

SENATE BILL NO. 395

INTRODUCED BY HARP

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 15, 1993

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 20, 1993

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS AS AMENDED. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 22, 1993

PRINTING REPORT.

SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 23, 1993

ENGROSSING REPORT.

THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 44; NOES, 5.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 23, 1993

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 19, 1993

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. REPORT
ADOPTED.

MARCH 29, 1993

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 31, 1993

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 95; NOES, 3.

RETURNED TO SENATE WITH AMENDMENTS.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 6, 1993

SECOND READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

APRIL 7, 1993

THIRD READING, AMENDMENTS
CONCURRED IN.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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

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

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11 bus, or any self-propelled vehicle, unladen or with load,
12 may not have an overall length, inclusive of front and rear
13 bumpers, in excess of 45 feet.

14 (2) (a) When used in a truck tractor-semitrailer
15 combination, the semitrailer may not exceed 53 feet in
16 length, excluding those portions not designed to carry a
17 load, except as provided by 61-10-124. When used in a truck
18 tractor-semitrailer-trailer or a truck
19 tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination, the semitrailer
20 and trailer or the two semitrailers may not exceed 28 1/2
21 feet each in length, excluding those portions not designed
22 to carry a load, except as provided by 61-10-124. Truck
23 tractor-semitrailer, truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer, and
24 truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combinations are not
25 subject to a combination length limit.

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

10 (c) All other combinations of vehicles may not have a
11 combination length in excess of 75 feet, except as provided
12 by 61-10-124. If the combination consists of more than two
13 units, the rear units of the combination must be equipped
14 with breakaway brakes.

15 (3) A motor vehicle may not tow more than one motor
16 vehicle, and a motor vehicle may not draw more than three
17 motor vehicles attached to it by the triple saddle-mount
18 method (that is, by mounting the front wheels of one vehicle
19 on the bed of another, leaving only the rear wheels of the
20 vehicle in contact with the roadway), nor may this
21 combination have a combination length in excess of 75 feet.

22 (4) A passenger vehicle or truck of less than 2,000
23 pounds "manufacturers' rated capacity" may not tow more than
24 one trailer or semitrailer, nor may this combination have a
25 length in excess of 65 feet.

1 (5) (a) The length of any 5-axle truck or truck
2 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination hauling logs may not
3 exceed 65 feet. As used in this subsection (a), the term
4 "length" means the total length of the truck or truck
5 tractor and the logs beginning at the front of the front
6 bumper of the truck or truck tractor and extending to the
7 most distant end of the logs being hauled.

8 (b) The maximum overhang of any log may not exceed 15
9 feet, except by special, single-trip permit. Overhang is
10 measured from the center of the rear-most axle to the most
11 distant end of the logs being hauled.

12 ~~(5)~~(6) As used in this chapter, the following
13 definitions apply:

14 (a) "Combination length" means the total length of a
15 combination of vehicles, such as a truck
16 tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination, measured from the
17 front bumper of the motor vehicle to the back bumper or rear
18 extremity of the last trailer, including the connection
19 tongues.

20 (b) "Combined trailer length" means the total length of
21 a combination of trailers measured from the front of the
22 first trailer to the back of the last trailer, including the
23 connection tongues and loads.

24 (c) "Length", except as provided in subsection (5),
25 means the total longitudinal dimension of a single vehicle,

1 a trailer, or a semitrailer. The length of a trailer or
2 semitrailer is measured from the front of the cargo-carrying
3 unit to its rear, exclusive of safety or energy efficiency
4 devices, air-conditioning units, air compressors, flexible
5 fender extensions, splash and spray suppressant devices,
6 bolsters, mechanical fastening devices, and hydraulic lift
7 gates.

8 (d) "Rocky Mountain double" means a combination of
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combination, the semitrailer may not exceed 53 feet in
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tractor-semitrailer-trailer or a truck
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and trailer or the two semitrailers may not exceed 28 1/2
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transporter" means a truck tractor-semitrailer combination
that has a fifth wheel on a drop frame located behind and
below the rear axle of the truck tractor and that is
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with breakaway brakes.

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pounds "manufacturers' rated capacity" may not tow more than
one trailer or semitrailer, nor may this combination have a
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(b) The maximum overhang of any log may not exceed 15 feet, except by special, single-trip permit. Overhang is measured from the center of the rear-most axle to the most distant end of the logs being hauled.

(5)(6) As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

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a trailer, or a semitrailer. The length of a trailer or semitrailer is measured from the front of the cargo-carrying unit to its rear, exclusive of safety or energy efficiency devices, air-conditioning units, air compressors, flexible fender extensions, splash and spray suppressant devices, bolsters, mechanical fastening devices, and hydraulic lift gates.

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(5) (a) The length of any 5-axle truck or truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination hauling logs may not exceed 65 feet. As used in this subsection (a), the term "length" means the total length of the truck or truck tractor and the logs beginning at the front of the front bumper of the truck or truck tractor and extending to the most distant end of the logs being hauled.

(b) The maximum overhang of any log may not exceed 15 feet, except by special, single-trip permit. Overhang is measured from the center of the rear-most axle to the most distant end of the logs being hauled.

(5)(6) As used in this chapter, the following definitions apply:

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March 18, 1993

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Mr. Speaker: We, the committee on Highways and Transportation report that Senate Bill 395 (third reading copy -- blue) be concurred in as amended .

Signed: Robert C. Clark
Robert C. Clark, Chair

And, that such amendments read:

Carried by: Rep. Wanzenried

1. Title, line 4.

Following: "ACT"

Insert: "LIMITING THE ALLOWABLE LENGTH FOR A VEHICLE COMBINATION HAULING LOGS;"

2. Page 3, line 1.

Following: "(5)"

Insert: "(a) The length of a vehicle combination consisting of a truck or truck-tractor and one trailer, pole trailer, or semitrailer hauling raw logs may not exceed 75 feet in overall length. As used in this subsection (a), the term "length" means the total length of the vehicle combination beginning at the front of the front bumper of the truck or truck-tractor and extending to the most distant end of the logs being hauled. A term permit for an overlength vehicle combination, as provided in 61-10-124(3), does not apply to the vehicle combination described in this subsection (a). A vehicle combination exceeding 75 feet must have a trip permit."

3. Page 3, line 8.

Following: "~~(b)~~"

Insert: "(b)"

4. Page 3.

Following: line 11

Insert: "(c) The provisions in subsections (5) (a) and (5) (b) do not apply to a vehicle combination hauling utility poles."

5. Page 3, line 24.

Following: "(5)"

Insert: "(a)"

Committee Vote:
Yes 16, No 0.

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(b)(B) The maximum overhang of any log may not exceed 15 feet, except by special, single-trip permit. Overhang is measured from the center of the rear-most axle to the most distant end of the logs being hauled.

(C) THE PROVISIONS IN SUBSECTIONS (5)(A) AND (5)(B) DO NOT APPLY TO A VEHICLE COMBINATION HAULING UTILITY POLES.

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