

CHAPTER 34**VEHICLE ALLOWABLE LENGTHS***S.F. 120*

AN ACT relating to the allowable length of stinger-steered automobile transporters and certain semitrailers when operated on highways designated by the state transportation commission.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. Section 321.1, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new subsection:

NEW SUBSECTION. 89. "Stinger-steered automobile transporter" means any vehicle combination designed and used specifically for the transport of assembled highway vehicles, recreational vehicles, or boats in which the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame located below and behind the rearmost axle of the power unit.

Sec. 2. Section 321.457, subsection 3, paragraph b, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

b. A trailer or semitrailer, laden or unladen, shall not have an overall length in excess of twenty-eight feet six inches when operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer combination or truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination. When the semitrailers in a truck tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination are connected by a rigid frame extension including a fifth-wheel connection point attached to the rear frame of the first semitrailer, the length of the frame extension shall not be included when determining the overall length of the first semitrailer.

Sec. 3. Section 321.457, subsection 3, paragraph d, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

d. In a combination of vehicles used principally for hauling livestock or a stinger-steered automobile transporter operating under this subsection and section 321.454, subsection 2, the combination of vehicles used principally for hauling livestock or the stinger-steered automobile transporter may depart from the designated highway system by the most direct route to points of pickup and delivery. Vehicles operating under this paragraph are not exempt from posted size and weight restrictions on highway structures.

Sec. 4. Section 321.457, subsection 3, Code 1989, is amended by adding the following new paragraph:

NEW PARAGRAPH. e. A stinger-steered automobile transporter shall not have an overall length exceeding seventy-five feet, except that the load may extend up to three feet beyond the front bumper and up to four feet beyond the rear bumper.

Sec. 5. Section 321.457, subsection 3, unnumbered paragraph 2, Code 1989, is amended to read as follows:

The commission shall adopt rules to designate the highways. The rules adopted by the department under this paragraph are exempt from chapter 17A, the Iowa administrative procedure Act.

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