

House File 342 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 46)

(COMPANION TO SF 208 BY
COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the maximum allowable length for
2 stinger-steered automobile transporters.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.457, subsection 2, paragraph i, Code
2 2019, is amended to read as follows:

3 *i.* A stinger-steered automobile transporter shall not
4 have an overall length exceeding ~~seventy-five~~ eighty feet,
5 exclusive of retractable extensions used to support the load
6 and all other devices or appurtenances related to the safe and
7 efficient operation of the vehicle, except that the load may
8 extend up to ~~three~~ four feet beyond the front bumper and up to
9 ~~four~~ six feet beyond the rear bumper.

10 EXPLANATION

11 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
12 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

13 Under current law, Code section 321.457 prohibits a
14 stinger-steered automobile transporter from having an overall
15 length exceeding 75 feet, exclusive of retractable extensions
16 used to support the load and all other devices or appurtenances
17 related to the safe and efficient operation of the vehicle,
18 except that the load may extend up to three feet beyond the
19 front bumper and up to four feet beyond the rear bumper.
20 Federal law (49 U.S.C. §31111(b)(1)(G)) prohibits states from
21 prescribing or enforcing regulations that impose a vehicle
22 length limitation of less than 80 feet on stinger-steered
23 automobile transporters with a front overhang of less than four
24 feet and a rear overhang of less than six feet. Code section
25 321.1 defines "stinger-steered automobile transporter" to mean
26 any vehicle combination designed and used specifically for the
27 transport of assembled highway vehicles, recreational vehicles,
28 or boats in which the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame
29 located below and behind the rearmost axle of the power unit.

30 This bill increases the length limitation on stinger-steered
31 automobile transporters to 80 feet, and authorizes the load to
32 extend up to four feet beyond the front bumper and up to six
33 feet beyond the rear bumper.

34 A violation of Code section 321.457 is punishable by a
35 scheduled fine of \$200.