

CHAPTER 1056
OVERALL LENGTH OF HIGHWAY VEHICLES
S.F. 2134

AN ACT permitting the movement of certain semitrailers or combinations of vehicles on the highways including combinations of vehicles coupled together used exclusively for the transportation of passenger vehicles, light delivery trucks, panel delivery trucks, pickup trucks, recreational vehicle chassis and boats if the overall length of the combination of vehicles does not exceed sixty-five feet and semitrailers with a distance of not more than forty feet between the kingpin and the rearmost axle and defining special truck.

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

Section 1. Section 321.1, subsection 71, Code 1981, as amended by Acts of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, Second Extraordinary 1981 Session, chapter 2, section 5, is amended to read as follows:

71. A "special truck" means a motor truck not used for hire with a gross weight registration of eight through twenty tons used by a person engaged in farming to transport commodities produced only by the owner, or to transport commodities purchased by the owner for use in the owner's own farming operation or occasional use for charitable purposes. "Special truck" also means a truck tractor which is modified by removal of a fifth wheel and carries the full load on the motor truck and which by reason of its conversion becomes a motor truck.

Sec. 2. Section 321.457, subsection 5, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

5. Combinations of vehicles coupled together which are used exclusively for the transportation of passenger vehicles, light delivery trucks, panel delivery trucks, pickup trucks, recreational vehicle chassis, and boats may be permitted to extend the load up to three feet beyond the front and rear bumpers of the transporting vehicle when the overall length of the vehicle with load does shall not exceed sixty-five feet in overall length.

Sec. 3. Section 321.457, subsection 8, Code 1981, is amended to read as follows:

8. A semitrailer shall not have a ~~total length of more than forty-five feet nor~~ a distance between the kingpin and the center of the rearmost axle of a semitrailer in excess of forty feet, except a semitrailer used principally for hauling livestock, a semitrailer used exclusively for the purposes of hauling self-propelled industrial and construction equipment, or a semitrailer used exclusively for the purposes described in subsection 5 of this section. ~~A nonexempt semitrailer in excess of forty-five feet in length which is a 1980 or older model year may be operated on the highways of this state if a special overlength permit is obtained from the department for the vehicle.~~ A semitrailer which is a 1980 or older model having a distance between the kingpin and center of the rearmost axle of more than forty feet may be operated on the highways of this state if a special overlength permit is obtained from the department for the vehicle. The special overlength permit shall be valid until such time as the semitrailer is inoperable.

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