

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL NO. 61

By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to motor vehicles; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 8, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 14-103), which relates to width, height and length of vehicle and load; modifying certain length limitations; providing definitions; amending 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103B, which relates to automobile transporters; modifying allowable length limitation; providing definition; updating statutory language; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103, as amended by Section 1, Chapter 8, O.S.L. 2018 (47 O.S. Supp. 2018, Section 14-103), is amended to read as follows:

Section 14-103. Except as otherwise provided for by this chapter:

A. No vehicle, with or without load, shall have a total outside width in excess of one hundred two (102) inches excluding:

1. Tire bulge;
2. Approved safety devices;

1       3. A retracted awning with a width of eight (8) inches or less  
2 or other appurtenance of four (4) inches or less which is attached  
3 to the side of a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 1102 of  
4 this title; and

5       4. Pins used as a safety precaution or as a load-assisting  
6 device if the pins do not extend the overall width of the vehicle  
7 beyond nine (9) feet. The State of Oklahoma hereby declares it has  
8 determined, in accordance with 23 C.F.R., Section 658.15, that such  
9 pins are necessary for the safe and efficient operation of motor  
10 vehicles.

11 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person  
12 engaged in the hauling of round baled hay with a total outside width  
13 of eleven (11) feet or less when the hay is owned by such person and  
14 is being hauled for any purpose other than resale. The provisions  
15 of this subsection shall also not apply to any county official or  
16 employee engaged in the hauling or pulling of a trailer or equipment  
17 owned by the county on the county roads of such county.

18       B. No vehicle, with or without load, shall exceed a height of  
19 thirteen and one-half (13 1/2) feet, unless a greater height is  
20 authorized by a special permit issued by the Commissioner of Public  
21 Safety or an authorized representative of the Commissioner in  
22 consultation with the Department of Transportation specifying the  
23 highways to be used, consistent with public convenience and safety.  
24 The prohibitions on movement as prescribed in subsection F of

1 Section 14-101 of this title and paragraph 1 of subsection G of  
2 Section 14-101 of this title shall not apply to vehicles operated  
3 pursuant to such permits.

4 C. 1. No single truck, with or without load, shall have an  
5 overall length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of  
6 forty-five (45) feet.

7 2. No single bus, with or without load, shall have an overall  
8 length, inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of forty-five  
9 (45) feet.

10 3. a. On the National Network of Highways which includes the  
11 National System of Interstate and Defense Highways and  
12 four-lane divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways,  
13 no semitrailer operating in a truck-  
14 tractor/semitrailer combination shall have a length  
15 greater than fifty-three (53) feet, except as provided  
16 in subsection C of Section 14-118 of this title which  
17 shall apply to semitrailers exceeding fifty-three (53)  
18 feet but not exceeding fifty-nine (59) feet six (6)  
19 inches. On the National System of Interstate and  
20 Defense Highways and four-lane divided Federal Aid  
21 Primary System Highways, no semitrailer or trailer  
22 operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer  
23 combination shall have a length greater than fifty-  
24 three (53) feet.

1           b.   On roads and highways not a part of the National  
2               System of Interstate and Defense Highways or four-lane  
3               divided Federal Aid Primary System Highways, no  
4               semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer  
5               combination shall have a length greater than fifty-  
6               three (53) feet and no semitrailer or trailer  
7               operating in a truck-tractor/semitrailer and trailer  
8               combination shall have a length greater than twenty-  
9               nine (29) feet. Except as provided for in subsection  
10              D of Section 14-118 of this title, no other  
11              combination of vehicles shall have an overall length,  
12              inclusive of front and rear bumpers, in excess of  
13              seventy (70) feet on all roads and highways. For the  
14              purposes of this paragraph, oil field rig-up trucks  
15              shall be considered to be truck-tractors, when towing  
16              a trailer or semitrailer.

17           c.   On the National Network of Highways the overall length  
18               limitation of a towaway trailer transporter  
19               combination may exceed length restrictions up to  
20               eighty-two (82) feet.

21           d.   As used in this section:

22               (1)   The term "trailer transporter towing unit" shall  
23               mean a power unit that is not used to carry

property when operating in a towaway trailer transporter combination, and

(2) The term "towaway trailer transporter combination" shall mean a combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two (2) trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed twenty-six thousand (26,000) pounds; and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

4. No combination of vehicles shall consist of more than two units, except:

- a. one truck and semitrailer or truck-tractor/semitrailer combination may tow one complete trailer or semitrailer, or
- b. vans, suburbans, blazers or other similar types of vehicles and self-propelled recreational vehicles with a three-quarter (3/4) ton or more rated capacity may tow a semitrailer and one complete trailer or semitrailer for recreational purposes only, provided the overall length, inclusive of the front and rear bumpers, does not exceed sixty-five (65) feet.

1       5. Poles and gas lines used to maintain public utility  
2 services, not to include new construction, may be moved during  
3 daylight hours, and during nighttime hours only in an emergency,  
4 subject to traffic and road restrictions promulgated by the  
5 Commissioner of Public Safety, when the overall length does not  
6 exceed eighty (80) feet. When this length is exceeded, these loads  
7 are subject to the requirements of Section 14-118 of this title.

8       6. For the purposes of paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 of this  
9 subsection, the length of unitized equipment, which is defined to be  
10 equipment so constructed and attached to a rubber-tired vehicle that  
11 the vehicle and load become a unit and are for all practical  
12 purposes inseparable, shall be the length of the vehicle itself, and  
13 shall not include any protrusion of the equipment load so  
14 constructed or attached. ~~Said~~ The equipment shall not protrude for  
15 a distance greater than two-thirds ( $2/3$ ) of the wheel base of ~~said~~  
16 the vehicle, shall not impair the driver's vision, and if less than  
17 seven (7) feet above the roadway, shall be safely marked, flagged or  
18 illuminated. Any such protruding structure shall be securely held  
19 in place to prevent dropping or swaying. Unitized equipment shall  
20 carry such safety equipment as shall be determined to be necessary  
21 for the safety, health, and welfare of the driving public by the  
22 Commissioner of Public Safety.

23       7. For the purposes of paragraphs 1, 3, and 4 of this  
24 subsection, a truck-tractor, when being towed by another vehicle  
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1 with the wheels of its steering axle raised off the roadway, shall  
2 be considered to be a semitrailer as defined in Section 1-162 of  
3 this title.

4 8. The provisions of paragraphs 1 and 3 of this subsection  
5 shall not apply to any contractor or subcontractor, or agents or  
6 employees of any contractor or subcontractor, while engaged in  
7 transporting material to the site of a project being constructed by,  
8 for, or on behalf of this state or any city, town, county, or  
9 subdivision of this state.

10 9. Special mobilized machinery, as defined in Section 1102 of  
11 this title, which exceeds the size provisions of this section shall  
12 only use the highways of the State of Oklahoma by special permit  
13 issued by the Commissioner of Public Safety or an authorized  
14 representative of the Commissioner. Such special permit shall be:

- 15 a. a single-trip permit issued under the provisions of  
16 Section 14-116 of this title, or
- 17 b. a special annual oversize permit issued for one (1)  
18 calendar year period upon payment of a fee of Ten  
19 Dollars (\$10.00) plus any amount as provided by  
20 subsection H of Section 14-118 of this title.

21 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2011, Section 14-103B, is  
22 amended to read as follows:

23 Section 14-103B. A. Any automobile transporter vehicle or  
24 combination of automobile transporter vehicles operated under the  
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1 provisions of Section 14-103 of this title may carry an extension of  
2 load, ~~said~~ the extension not to exceed three (3) feet beyond the  
3 front nor more than four (4) feet beyond the rear of the vehicle or  
4 combination of vehicles thereof.

5 B. Any stinger-steered automobile transporter operated under  
6 the provisions of Section 14-103 of this title may have an overall  
7 length up to eighty (80) feet with an extension of load, with the  
8 extension not to exceed four (4) feet beyond the front nor more than  
9 six (6) feet beyond the rear of the vehicle or combination of  
10 vehicles.

11 C. No automobile transporter vehicle, unladen or with load,  
12 shall exceed a height of fourteen and one-half (14 1/2) feet.

13 D. An automobile transporter shall not be prohibited from the  
14 transport of cargo or general freight on a backhaul, provided it  
15 complies with weight limitations for a truck tractor and semitrailer  
16 combination. As used in this section, "backhaul" means the return  
17 trip of a vehicle transporting cargo or general freight, including  
18 when carrying goods back over all or part of the same route.

19 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2019.

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