

SENATE BILL No. 375

By Committee on Transportation

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1 AN ACT regulating traffic; relating to length of vehicles, certain vehicle
2 combinations; amending K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1904 and repealing the
3 existing section.
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5 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

6 Section 1. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby amended to read as
7 follows: 8-1904. (a) No vehicle including any load thereon shall exceed a
8 height of 14 feet, except that a vehicle transporting cylindrically shaped
9 bales of hay as authorized by K.S.A. 8-1902(e), and amendments thereto,
10 may be loaded with such bales secured to a height not exceeding 14½ feet.
11 Should a vehicle so loaded with bales strike any overpass or other
12 obstacle, the operator of the vehicle shall be liable for all damages
13 resulting therefrom. The secretary of transportation may adopt rules and
14 regulations for the movement of such loads of cylindrically shaped bales
15 of hay.

16 (b) No motor vehicle including the load thereon shall exceed a length
17 of 45 feet extreme overall dimension, excluding the front and rear
18 bumpers, except as provided in subsection (d).

19 (c) Except as otherwise provided in K.S.A. 8-1914 and 8-1915, and
20 amendments thereto, and subsections (d), (e), (f), (g), (h) ~~and~~, (i) *and* (j),
21 no combination of vehicles coupled together shall exceed a total length of
22 65 feet.

23 (d) The length limitations in subsection (b) shall not apply to a truck
24 tractor. No semitrailer which is being operated in combination with a truck
25 tractor shall exceed 59½ feet in length. No semitrailer or trailer which is
26 being operated in a combination consisting of a truck tractor, semitrailer
27 and trailer shall exceed 28½ feet in length.

28 (e) The limitations in this section governing maximum length of a
29 semitrailer or trailer shall not apply to vehicles operating in the daytime
30 when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural
31 nature which cannot readily be dismembered, except that it shall be
32 unlawful to operate any such vehicle or combination of vehicles which
33 exceeds a total length of 85 feet unless a special permit for such operation
34 has been issued by the secretary of transportation or by an agent or
35 designee of the secretary pursuant to K.S.A. 8-1911, and amendments
36 thereto. For the purpose of authorizing the issuance of such special permits

1 at motor carrier inspection stations, the secretary of transportation may
2 contract with the superintendent of the Kansas highway patrol for such
3 purpose, and in such event, the superintendent or any designee of the
4 superintendent may issue such special permit pursuant to the terms and
5 conditions of the contract. The limitations in this section shall not apply to
6 vehicles transporting such objects operated at nighttime by a public utility
7 when required for emergency repair of public service facilities or
8 properties or when operated under special permit as provided in K.S.A. 8-
9 1911, and amendments thereto, but in respect to such night transportation
10 every such vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient
11 number of clearance lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the
12 extreme ends of any projecting load to clearly mark the dimensions of
13 such load.

14 (f) The limitations of this section governing the maximum length of
15 combinations of vehicles shall not apply to a combination of vehicles
16 consisting of a truck tractor towing a house trailer, if such combination of
17 vehicles does not exceed an overall length of 97 feet.

18 (g) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to stinger-
19 steered automobile or boat transporters or one truck and one trailer vehicle
20 combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, forage
21 cutter or combine header to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
22 operations, as defined in K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto. A
23 stinger-steered boat transporter or one truck and one trailer vehicle
24 combination, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting a combine, forage
25 cutter or combine header to be engaged in farm custom harvesting
26 operations, as defined in K.S.A. 8-143j(d), and amendments thereto, shall
27 not exceed an overall length limit of 75 feet, exclusive of front and rear
28 overhang. A stinger-steered automobile transporter shall not exceed an
29 overall length limit of 80 feet, exclusive of front and rear overhang.

30 (h) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to drive-away
31 saddlemount or drive-away saddlemount with fullmount vehicle
32 transporter combination. A drive-away saddlemount or drive-away
33 saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination shall not
34 exceed an extreme overall dimension of 97 feet.

35 (i) The length limitations of this section shall not apply to a one
36 truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor semitrailer trailer
37 combination used in transporting equipment utilized by custom harvesters
38 under contract to agricultural producers to harvest wheat, soybeans or
39 milo, during the months of April through November, but the length of the
40 property-carrying units, excluding load, shall not exceed 81½ feet.

41 (j) *The length limitations of this section shall not apply to a towaway*
42 *trailer transporter combination consisting of a trailer transporter towing*
43 *unit and two trailers or semitrailers with a total weight not exceeding*

1 26,000 pounds and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no property
2 and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor or dealer
3 of such trailers or semitrailers. Such towaway trailer transporter
4 combination shall not exceed a length of 82 feet. As used in this
5 subsection, "a trailer transporting towing unit" means a power unit that is
6 not used to carry property when operating in a towaway trailer
7 transporter combination.

8 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2017 Supp. 8-1904 is hereby repealed.

9 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
10 publication in the statute book.