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HOUSE BILL 266

Short Title: RV Appurtenance Exemption.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Gibson.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

February 20, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN APPURTENANCE TOLERANCE OF SIX INCHES FOR
2 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND TO INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE
3 LENGTH OF A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES THAT INCLUDES A
4 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE FROM FIFTY-FIVE FEET TO SIXTY-FIVE FEET.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-116(a) reads as rewritten:

8 "**§ 20-116. Size of vehicles and loads.**

9 (a) The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed
10 102 inches, except as otherwise provided in this section. When hogsheads of tobacco
11 are being transported, a tolerance of six inches is allowed. When sheet or bale tobacco is
12 being transported the load must not exceed a width of 114 inches at the top of the load
13 and the bottom of the load at the truck bed must not exceed the width of 102 inches
14 inclusive of allowance for load shifting or settling. A tolerance of six inches on each
15 side is allowed for non-load bearing appurtenances, including awnings of recreational
16 vehicles. Vehicles (other than passenger buses) that do not exceed the overall width of
17 102 inches and otherwise provided in this section may be operated in accordance with
18 G.S. 20-115.1(c), (f), and (g).

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20 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-116(b) reads as rewritten:

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22 (b) No passenger-type vehicle ~~or recreational vehicle~~ shall be operated on any
23 highway with any load carried thereon extending beyond the line of the fenders on the
24 left side of such vehicle nor extending more than six inches beyond the line of the
25 fenders on the right side thereof.

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27 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 20-116(e) reads as rewritten:

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1 (e) Except as provided by G.S. 20-115.1, no combination of vehicles coupled
2 together shall consist of more than two units and no such combination of vehicles shall
3 exceed a total length of 60 feet inclusive of front and rear bumpers, subject to the
4 following exceptions: Said length limitation shall not apply to vehicles operated in the
5 daytime when transporting poles, pipe, machinery or other objects of a structural nature
6 which cannot readily be dismembered, nor to such vehicles transporting such objects
7 operated at nighttime by a public utility when required for emergency repair of public
8 service facilities or properties, but in respect to such night transportation every such
9 vehicle and the load thereon shall be equipped with a sufficient number of clearance
10 lamps on both sides and marker lamps upon the extreme ends of said projecting load to
11 clearly mark the dimensions of such load: Provided that vehicles designed and used
12 exclusively for the transportation of motor vehicles shall be permitted an overhang
13 tolerance front or rear not to exceed five feet. Provided, that wreckers may tow a truck,
14 combination tractor and trailer, trailer, or any other disabled vehicle or combination of
15 vehicles to a place for repair, parking, or storage within 50 miles of the point where the
16 vehicle was disabled and may tow a truck, tractor, or other replacement vehicle to the
17 site of the disabled vehicle. ~~Provided, however, that a combination of a house trailer~~
18 ~~used as a mobile home, together with its towing vehicle, shall not exceed a total length~~
19 ~~of 55 feet exclusive of front and rear bumpers. Provided, however, that a combination of~~
20 two vehicles that includes a recreational vehicle shall not exceed a total length of 65 feet
21 exclusive of front and rear bumpers and mirrors. Provided further, that the said
22 limitation that no combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than
23 two units shall not apply to trailers not exceeding three in number drawn by a motor
24 vehicle used by municipalities for the removal of domestic and commercial refuse and
25 street rubbish, but such combination of vehicles shall not exceed a total length of 50 feet
26 inclusive of front and rear bumpers. Provided further, that the said limitation that no
27 combination of vehicles coupled together shall consist of more than two units shall not
28 apply to a combination of vehicles coupled together by a saddle mount device used to
29 transport motor vehicles in a driveway service when no more than three saddle mounts
30 are used and provided further, that equipment used in said combination is approved by
31 the safety regulations of the Federal Highway Administration and the safety rules of the
32 Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

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34 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.