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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; to amend section 60-6,290,
2 Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2012; to change a
3 length exception for semitrailers transporting baled
4 livestock forage; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,290, Revised Statutes Cumulative
2 Supplement, 2012, is amended to read:

3 60-6,290 (1)(a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of forty
4 feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers
5 including load, except that:

6 (i) A bus or a motor home, as defined in section 71-4603,
7 may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of
8 forty-five feet;

9 (ii) A truck-tractor may exceed the forty-foot
10 limitation;

11 (iii) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single
12 semitrailer combination, which semitrailer was actually and lawfully
13 operating in the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed
14 the forty-foot limitation;

15 (iv) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single
16 semitrailer combination, which semitrailer was not actually and
17 lawfully operating in the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may
18 exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of
19 fifty-three feet including load; and

20 (v) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single
21 semitrailer combination, ~~while transporting baled livestock forage,~~
22 may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of
23 fifty-nine feet six inches, including load, for purposes of
24 transporting baled livestock forage. This exception shall apply any
25 time the vehicle is driven to a location in order to load the baled

1 livestock forage, to return the vehicle to its original location
2 after unloading, or to proceed on to another location for storage or
3 maintenance of the vehicle.

4 (b) No combination of vehicles shall exceed a length of
5 sixty-five feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and
6 rear bumpers and including load, except:

7 (i) One truck and one trailer, loaded or unloaded, used
8 in transporting implements of husbandry to be engaged in harvesting,
9 while being transported into or through the state during daylight
10 hours if the total length does not exceed seventy-five feet including
11 load;

12 (ii) A truck-tractor single semitrailer combination;

13 (iii) A truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination,
14 but the semitrailer trailer portion of such combination shall not
15 exceed sixty-five feet inclusive of connective devices; and

16 (iv) A driveaway saddlemount vehicle transporter
17 combination and driveaway saddlemount with fullmount vehicle
18 transporter combination, but the total overall length shall not
19 exceed ninety-seven feet.

20 (c) A truck shall be construed to be one vehicle for the
21 purpose of determining length.

22 (d) A trailer shall be construed to be one vehicle for
23 the purpose of determining length.

24 (2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

25 (a) Extra-long vehicles which have been issued a permit

1 pursuant to section 60-6,292;

2 (b) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to
3 section 60-6,299;

4 (c) The temporary moving of farm machinery during
5 daylight hours in the normal course of farm operations;

6 (d) The movement of unbaled livestock forage vehicles,
7 loaded or unloaded;

8 (e) The movement of public utility or other construction
9 and maintenance material and equipment at any time;

10 (f) Farm equipment dealers hauling, driving, delivering,
11 or picking up farm equipment or implements of husbandry within the
12 county in which the dealer maintains his or her place of business, or
13 in any adjoining county or counties, and return;

14 (g) The overhang of any motor vehicle being hauled upon
15 any lawful combination of vehicles, but such overhang shall not
16 exceed the distance from the rear axle of the hauled motor vehicle to
17 the closest bumper thereof;

18 (h) The overhang of a combine to be engaged in
19 harvesting, while being transported into or through the state driven
20 during daylight hours by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, but
21 the length of the semitrailer, including overhang, shall not exceed
22 sixty-three feet and the maximum semitrailer length shall not exceed
23 fifty-three feet;

24 (i) Any self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with
25 a fixed load when the requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section

1 60-6,288 are met; or

2 (j) One truck-tractor two trailer combination or one
3 truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination used in transporting
4 equipment utilized by custom harvesters under contract to
5 agricultural producers to harvest wheat, soybeans, or milo during the
6 months of April through November but the length of the property-
7 carrying units, excluding load, shall not exceed eighty-one feet six
8 inches.

9 (3) The length limitations of this section shall be
10 exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices such as rearview
11 mirrors, turnsignal lights, marker lights, steps and handholds for
12 entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps and splash and
13 spray suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge, refrigeration
14 units or air compressors, and other devices necessary for safe and
15 efficient operation of commercial motor vehicles, except that no
16 device excluded from the limitations of this section shall have by
17 its design or use the capability to carry cargo.

18 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,290, Revised Statutes
19 Cumulative Supplement, 2012, is repealed.