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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 900**

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Rules of the Road; to amend
- 2 section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to change
- 3 provisions relating to the length of vehicles; and to repeal the
- 4 original section.
- 5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska,  
2 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

19 (v) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer  
20 combination, while transporting baled livestock forage, may exceed the  
21 forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of fifty-nine feet  
22 six inches including load;~~and~~

23 (vi) An articulated bus vehicle operated by a transit authority  
24 established under the Transit Authority Law or regional metropolitan  
25 transit authority established pursuant to section 18-804 may exceed the  
26 forty-foot limitation. For purposes of this subdivision (vi), an  
27 articulated bus vehicle shall not exceed sixty-five feet in length; and -

28 (vii) A truck may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not  
29 exceed a length of forty-five feet.

30 (b) No combination of vehicles shall exceed a length of sixty-five  
31 feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and

1 including load, except:

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

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

7 (iii) A truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination, but the  
8 semitrailer trailer portion of such combination shall not exceed sixty-  
9 five feet inclusive of connective devices;

10 (iv) A driveaway saddlemount vehicle transporter combination and  
11 driveaway saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination, but  
12 the total overall length shall not exceed ninety-seven feet;

13 (v) A stinger-steered automobile transporter, but the total overall  
14 length shall not exceed eighty feet, inclusive of a front overhang of  
15 less than four feet and a rear overhang of less than six feet. For  
16 purposes of this subdivision, automobile transporter means any vehicle  
17 combination designed and used for the transport of assembled highway  
18 vehicles, including truck camper units. An automobile transporter shall  
19 not be prohibited from the transport of cargo or general freight on a  
20 backhaul, so long as it is in compliance with weight limitations for a  
21 truck-tractor and semitrailer combination; and

22 (vi) A towaway trailer transporter combination, but the total  
23 overall length shall not exceed eighty-two feet. For purposes of this  
24 subdivision, towaway trailer transporter combination means a combination  
25 of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two  
26 trailers or semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed twenty-  
27 six thousand pounds, and in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no  
28 property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer,  
29 distributor, or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

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

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

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

4 (a) Extra-long vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to  
5 section 60-6,292;

6 (b) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section  
7 60-6,299;

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

10 (d) The movement of unbaled livestock forage vehicles, loaded or  
11 unloaded;

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

14 (f) Farm equipment dealers or their representatives as authorized  
15 under section 60-6,382 driving, delivering, or picking up farm equipment  
16 or implements of husbandry within the county in which the dealer  
17 maintains his or her place of business, or in any adjoining county or  
18 counties, and return;

19 (g) The overhang of any motor vehicle being hauled upon any lawful  
20 combination of vehicles, but such overhang shall not exceed the distance  
21 from the rear axle of the hauled motor vehicle to the closest bumper  
22 thereof;

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

28 (i) Any self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with a fixed  
29 load when the requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section 60-6,288 are  
30 met; or

31 (j) One truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor

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

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

15 Sec. 2. Original section 60-6,290, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
16 Nebraska, is repealed.