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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Combination of a Power Unit and a Travel Trailer - Length Limitations**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the maximum permissible length of a vehiclecombination
4 consisting of a power unit and a travel trailer; and generally relating to the
5 maximum permissible length of certain vehicle combinations.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 24-104.1(j)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Transportation**

14 24-104.1.

15 (j) Except as otherwise provided in this section:

16 (1) In a combination of vehicles with a power unit that is a cargo-carrying
17 vehicle, the overall length of the combination may not exceed 55 feet;

18 (2) Any other combination of vehicles may not exceed 55 feet; and

19 (3) (i) 1. A truck or truck tractor and semitrailer combination
20 designed for and engaged exclusively in the transportation of automobiles or boats may
21 not exceed 65 feet in length;

22 2. A stinger-steered automobile transporter or a saddle-mount
23 or a full-mount combination may not exceed 75 feet in length; [and]

24 3. A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES CONSISTING OF A POWER
25 UNIT AND A TRAVEL TRAILER MAY NOT EXCEED 65 FEET IN LENGTH; AND

26 [3.] 4. A. A maxi-cube vehicle described in subsection
27 (a)(4)(i) of this section may not exceed 65 feet in length; and

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1 B. A maxi-cube vehicle described in subsection (a)(4)(ii) of this
2 section may not exceed 60 feet in length;

3 (ii) No other length requirements may be applied to the combinations
4 of vehicles described in item (i) of this paragraph; and

5 (iii) The combinations of vehicles described in item (i) of this
6 paragraph may only be operated on any part of the interstate system or other State system
7 highways that are designated by the Secretary in conjunction with the U.S. Department of
8 Transportation, or on a highway that is the shortest practical route between a designated
9 highway and:

10 1. A truck terminal;

11 2. A point of origin/destination for cargo; or

12 3. For a distance not to exceed 1 mile, facilities for food, fuel,
13 repairs, or rest.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 1996.