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CHAPTER _____

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~~ without amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section ~~24-104.1(j)~~ 11-170
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

11 BY adding to
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 24-104.1(m)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 11-170.

20 (a) "Travel trailer" means a vehicle that:

21 (1) Is mounted on wheels;

1 (2) Is of such a size and weight as not to require any special highway
2 movement permit when towed by a motor vehicle;

3 (3) Is designed and constructed primarily to provide temporary living
4 quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use; and

5 (4) Is no longer than 40 feet.

6 (b) "Travel trailer" includes a fifth wheel travel trailer.

7 24-104.1.

8 (j) ~~Except as otherwise provided in this section:~~

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

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

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

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

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

19 ~~[3.] 4. A. A maxi-cube vehicle described in subsection~~
20 ~~(a)(4)(i) of this section may not exceed 65 feet in length; and~~

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

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

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

30 ~~1. A truck terminal;~~

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

32 ~~3. For a distance not to exceed 1 mile, facilities for food, fuel,~~
33 ~~repairs, or rest.~~

34 (M) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A COMBINATION
35 OF VEHICLES CONSISTING OF A POWER UNIT AND A TRAVEL TRAILER MAY NOT
36 EXCEED 60 FEET IN LENGTH.

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1 (2) THE COMBINATION OF VEHICLES EXCEEDING 55 FEET BUT
2 AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY ONLY BE OPERATED ON:

3 (I) ANY PART OF THE INTERSTATE SYSTEM OR OTHER STATE
4 SYSTEM HIGHWAYS THAT ARE DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY IN CONJUNCTION
5 WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; OR

6 (II) A HIGHWAY THAT IS THE SHORTEST PRACTICAL ROUTE
7 BETWEEN A DESIGNATED HIGHWAY AND:

8 1. A POINT OF ORIGIN OR DESIGNATION ON A PARTICULAR
9 DAY; OR

10 2. FOR A DISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED 1 MILE, FACILITIES FOR
11 FOOD, FUEL, REPAIRS, OR REST.

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