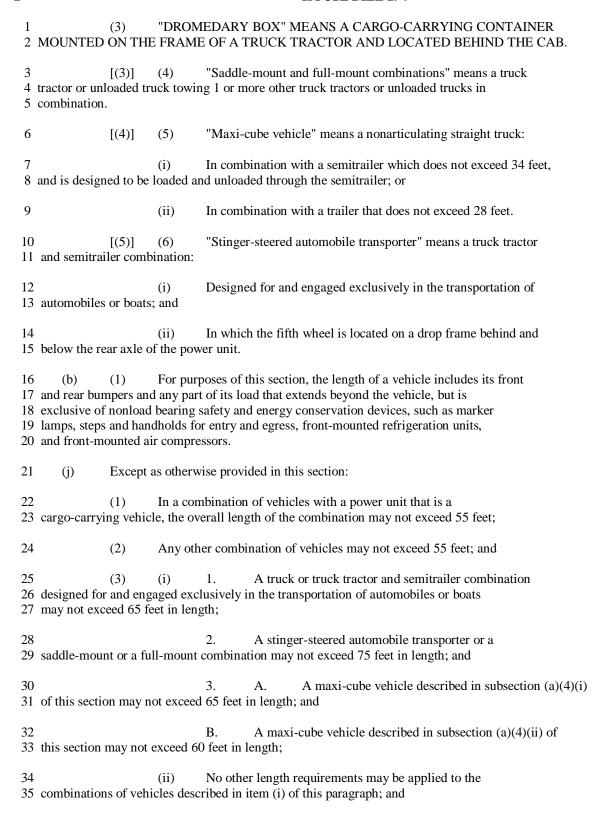
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		A BILL ENTITLED
1	AN ACT concerning	
2	2.3	Vehicle Laws - Combination Vehicles with Dromedary Box - Length Limitations
4 5 6 7 8	operated in combi a dromedary box munitions intende	creasing the maximum overall length limit of a truck tractor nation with a semitrailer if the truck tractor is equipped with being used for the transportation of certain explosives and d for use by the U.S. Department of Defense; defining a term; ting to maximum allowable lengths of vehicle combinations.
9 0 1 2	Section 24-104.1(a) and (k) Annotated Code of Maryland	
14 15 16 17	Section 24-104.1(b)(1) and (j) Annotated Code of Maryland	
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:		
21	1	Article - Transportation
22	2 24-104.1.	
23	3 (a) (1)	In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
24	4 (2)	"Automobiles" means all assembled motor vehicles:
25	5	(i) Capable of being operated on a highway; and
6	6	(ii) Authorized under this article to be operated on a highway

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3 4	(iii) The combinations of vehicles described in item (i) of this aragraph may only be operated on any part of the interstate system or other State system highways that are designated by the Secretary in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation, or on a highway that is the shortest practical route etween a designated highway and:
6	1. A truck terminal;
7	2. A point of origin/destination for cargo; or
8 9	3. For a distance not to exceed 1 mile, facilities for food, fuel, epairs, or rest.
12 13 14	(k) (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (h) of this section, nothing shall prevent the operation of a combination of vehicles in which the semitrailer (single) does not exceed 48 1/2 feet in length or a combination of vehicles in which the semitrailer or trailer (double) does not exceed 28 1/2 feet in length for each unit; provided, the combination has been lawfully operated on the highways of this State prior to December 1, 1982.
16 17	(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (j)(1) of this section[, nothing]:
20	(I) NOTHING shall prevent a power unit, which was equipped with a dromedary box, deck, or plate and was legally operated in Maryland prior to December 1, 1982, in combination with a semitrailer or trailer from exceeding the overall length limit of 55 feet; AND
24 25 26	(II) THE OVERALL LENGTH OF A TRUCK TRACTOR EQUIPPED WITH A DROMEDARY BOX AND OPERATED IN COMBINATION WITH A SEMITRAILER MAY NOT EXCEED 75 FEET WHEN THE DROMEDARY BOX IS BEING USED FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF EXPLOSIVES AND MUNITIONS CLASSIFIED UNDER 49 C.F.R. PART 173.50 AND INTENDED FOR USE BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE.
28	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect