

SENATE BILL 66

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By: **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Length of Vehicles – Saddle-Mount and Full-Mount**
3 **Combinations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering a certain limitation on the maximum allowable length of
5 certain types of truck-tractor combinations; making stylistic changes; and
6 generally relating to the permissible length of certain truck-tractor
7 combinations.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Transportation
10 Section 24-104.1(a)(3) and (j)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Transportation**

16 24-104.1.

17 (a) (3) “Saddle-mount and full-mount combinations” means a truck
18 tractor or unloaded truck towing [1] ONE or more other truck tractors or unloaded
19 trucks in combination.

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

21 (1) In a combination of vehicles with a power unit that is a
22 cargo-carrying vehicle, the overall length of the combination may not exceed 62 feet;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

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

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

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

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

11 **4. SADDLE-MOUNT AND FULL-MOUNT**
12 **COMBINATIONS MAY NOT EXCEED 97 FEET IN LENGTH;**

13 (ii) No other length requirements may be applied to the
14 combinations of vehicles described in item (i) of this [paragraph] **ITEM**; and

15 (iii) The combinations of vehicles described in item (i) of this
16 [paragraph] **ITEM** may only be operated on any part of the interstate system or other
17 State system highways that are designated by the Secretary in conjunction with the
18 U.S. Department of Transportation, or on a highway that is the shortest practical
19 route between a designated highway and:

20 1. A truck terminal;

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

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2010.