



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 5548

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**AN ACT CONCERNING RESTRICTIONS ON THE TRANSPORT OF
MOBILE AND MODULAR HOMES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 14-262 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2016*):

4 (a) The following vehicles shall not be operated upon any highway
5 or bridge without a special written permit from the Commissioner of
6 Transportation, as provided in section 14-270, as amended by this act,
7 specifying the conditions under which they may be so operated:

8 (1) A vehicle, combination of vehicle and trailer or commercial
9 vehicle combination, including each such vehicle's load, which is
10 wider than [one hundred two inches or its approximate metric
11 equivalent of two and six-tenths meters or one hundred two and
12 thirty-six-hundredths inches] fourteen feet, including its load [, but not
13 including] and the following safety devices: Reasonably sized rear
14 view mirrors, turn signals, steps and handholds for entry and egress,
15 spray and splash suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge and any
16 other state-approved safety device which the Commissioner of
17 Transportation determines is necessary for the safe and efficient
18 operation of such a vehicle or combination, provided no such state-

19 approved safety device protrudes more than three inches from each
20 side of the vehicle or provided no such device has by its design or use
21 the capability to carry cargo. Such permit shall not be required in the
22 case of (A) farm equipment, (B) a vehicle or combination of vehicle and
23 trailer loaded with hay or straw, (C) a school bus equipped with a
24 folding stop sign or exterior mirror, as approved by the Commissioner
25 of Motor Vehicles, which results in a combined width of bus and sign
26 or bus and mirror in excess of that established by this subsection, (D) a
27 trailer designed and used exclusively for transporting boats when the
28 gross weight of such boats does not exceed four thousand pounds, (E)
29 a recreation vehicle with appurtenances, including safety devices and
30 retracted shade awnings, no greater than six inches on each side for a
31 maximum allowance of twelve inches, or (F) a vehicle with an attached
32 snow plow, provided the snow plow may not exceed one hundred
33 forty-four inches in width; and

34 (2) A combination of truck and trailer which is longer than [sixty-
35 five] one hundred ten feet except (A) [a combination of truck and
36 trailer or tractor and semitrailer loaded with utility poles, both trailer
37 and semitrailer having a maximum length of forty-eight feet, utility
38 poles having a maximum length of fifty feet and the overall length not
39 to exceed eighty feet, (B)] a trailer designed and used exclusively for
40 transporting boats when the gross weight of such boats does not
41 exceed four thousand pounds, [(C)] (B) a tractor-trailer unit, [(D)] or
42 (C) a commercial vehicle combination, [, (E) combinations of vehicles
43 considered as specialized equipment in 23 CFR 658.13(e), as amended,
44 having a maximum overall length of sixty-five feet on traditional
45 automobile transporters, with the fifth wheel located on the tractor
46 frame over the rear axle or axles, including low boys, or a maximum
47 overall length of seventy-five feet on stinger-steered automobile
48 transporters, excluding front and rear cargo overhangs, provided the
49 front cargo overhang shall not exceed three feet and the rear overhang
50 shall not exceed four feet. Extendable ramps used to achieve such
51 three-foot front overhang and four-foot rear overhang shall be
52 excluded from the measurement of overall length and shall be

53 retracted when they are not supporting vehicles, or (F) a tractor
 54 equipped with a dromedary box operated in combination with a
 55 semitrailer which tractor and semitrailer do not exceed seventy-five
 56 feet in overall length.]

57 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 14-270 of the general statutes is
 58 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
 59 *October 1, 2016*):

60 (b) Any permit issued in respect to any vehicle or combination of
 61 vehicles or vehicle and trailer on account of its excessive weight shall
 62 be limited to the gross weight shown or to be shown on the
 63 registration certificate. A permit granted under this section for a
 64 vehicle or load, greater than [twelve] fourteen feet, but no greater than
 65 [thirteen feet six inches] sixteen feet in width and traveling on
 66 undivided highways, shall (1) require [a single escort motor vehicle to
 67 precede such vehicle or load. No escort motor vehicle shall be required
 68 to follow such vehicle or load on such highways] not more than two
 69 police vehicles to escort such vehicle or load, and (2) limit travel for
 70 such vehicle or load to between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on
 71 Monday through Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday.

72 Sec. 3. Sections 14-262b and 14-262d of the general statutes are
 73 repealed. (*Effective October 1, 2016*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	14-262(a)
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	14-270(b)
Sec. 3	<i>October 1, 2016</i>	Repealer section

PS *Joint Favorable Subst.*