

SENATE BILL 1673

By Green

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 7, relative to size and weight restrictions for motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-115(b), is amended by deleting the language "but may not exceed a length of fifty-three feet (53)" and substituting instead the language "but shall not exceed a length of fifty-seven feet (57)".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-201(c), is amended by deleting the following language:

Motor vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor and semitrailer or trailer combination shall be permitted to operate over the federal and state highway system; provided, that the towed vehicle shall not exceed fifty feet (50') in length from the point of attachment to the tractor, except that this length may be increased to fifty-two feet (52') when the load on the vehicle consists of livestock, motor vehicle parts, automobiles and/or motor vehicles. If the towed vehicle exceeds forty-eight feet (48') in length from the point of attachment to the tractor and the load on the vehicle does not consist of livestock, motor vehicle parts, automobiles and/or motor vehicles, the distance between the kingpin and the rearmost axle or a point midway between the two (2) rear axles, if the two (2) rear axles are a tandem axle, shall not exceed forty-one feet (41').

and substituting instead the following:

Motor vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor and semitrailer or trailer combination shall be permitted to operate over the federal and state highway system; provided, that the towed vehicle shall not exceed fifty-seven feet (57') in length. If the towed vehicle

exceeds forty-eight feet (48') in length from the point of attachment to the tractor and the load on the vehicle does not consist of livestock, motor vehicle parts, or motor vehicles, the distance between the kingpin and the rearmost axle or a point midway between the two (2) rear axles, if the two (2) rear axles are a tandem axle, shall not exceed forty-one feet (41').

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-202(a)(1), is amended by deleting the language "whose height, including any part of the load, exceeds thirteen and one-half feet (13 ½)" and substituting instead the language "whose height, including any part of the load, exceeds fourteen feet (14)".

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-202(d), is amended by deleting the language "whose height, including any part of the load does not exceed thirteen feet six inches (13' 6")" and substituting instead the language "whose height, including any part of the load, exceeds fourteen feet (14)".

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-203(b)(3), is amended by deleting the language "or a height of thirteen and one-half feet (13 ½)" and substituting instead the language "or a height of fourteen feet (14)".

SECTION 6. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(h)(5)(A), is amended by deleting the language "exceeding thirteen feet ten inches (13'10") in height, ninety feet (90') in length," and substituting instead the language "exceeding ninety feet (90') in length".

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(h)(5)(H), is amended by deleting the language "exceeding thirteen feet ten inches (13'10") in height" and substituting instead the language "exceeding fourteen feet (14') in height".

SECTION 8. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(n)(5)(A), is amended by deleting the language "shall not exceed thirteen feet six inches (13'6") in height" and substituting instead the language "shall not exceed fourteen feet (14') in height".

SECTION 9. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(n)(5)(B)(i), is amended by deleting the language "shall not exceed thirteen feet ten inches (13'10") in height" and substituting instead the language "shall not exceed fourteen feet (14') in height".

SECTION 10. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-203(b)(3), is amended by deleting the following language:

The total gross weight of a vehicle, freight motor vehicle, truck-tractor, trailer or semitrailer or combinations of these vehicles operated over, on or upon the public highways of this state shall not exceed eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.)

and substituting instead the following:

The total gross weight of a vehicle, freight motor vehicle, truck-tractor, trailer, or semitrailer or combinations of these vehicles operated over, on, or upon the public highways of this state shall not exceed eighty-four thousand pounds (84,000 lbs.)

SECTION 11. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-203(b)(3), is amended by deleting the following language:

provided, that wherever a maximum permissive gross weight of eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.) or of lengths prescribed in § 55-7-201

and substituting instead the following:

provided, that wherever a maximum permissive gross weight of eighty thousand pounds (80,000 lbs.) on the interstate highway system or eighty-four thousand pounds (84,000 lbs.) on non-interstate highways or of lengths prescribed in § 55-7-201

SECTION 12. For the purpose of promulgating rules, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2018, the public welfare requiring it.