

## 1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1112 of the Code of Virginia, relating to overlength trucks on*  
3 *certain highways; penalty.*

[S 1016]

Approved

7 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**8 **1. That § 46.2-1112 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

9 § 46.2-1112. Length of vehicles, generally; special permits; tractor truck semitrailer combinations,  
10 etc., operating on certain highways; penalty.

11 Except for buses and motor homes, no motor vehicle longer than 40 feet shall be operated on any  
12 highway in the Commonwealth. The actual length of any combination of vehicles coupled together  
13 including any load thereon shall not exceed a total of 65 feet. No bus or motor home longer than 45  
14 feet shall be operated on any highway in the Commonwealth. No tolerance shall be allowed that exceeds  
15 12 inches.

16 The Commissioner, however, when good cause is shown, may issue a special permit for  
17 combinations either in excess of 65 feet, including any load thereon, or where the object or objects to be  
18 carried cannot be moved otherwise. Such permits may also be issued by the Department when the total  
19 number of otherwise overdimensional loads of modular housing of no more than two units may be  
20 reduced by permitting the use of an overlength trailer not exceeding 54 feet. No permit shall be issued  
21 by the Commissioner until an engineering analysis of a proposed routing has been conducted by the  
22 Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to assess the ability of the roadway to be traversed to  
23 sustain the vehicle's size.

24 No overall length restrictions, however, shall be imposed on any tractor truck semitrailer  
25 combinations drawing one trailer or any tractor truck semitrailer combinations when operated on any  
26 interstate highway or on any highway as designated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. No  
27 such designation shall be made, however, until notice of any proposed designation has been provided by  
28 the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner to the governing body of every locality wherein any  
29 highway affected by the proposed designation is located.

30 No individual semitrailer or trailer being drawn in a tractor truck semitrailer trailer combination,  
31 however, shall exceed 28 1/2 feet in length, and no semitrailer being operated in a tractor truck  
32 semitrailer combination shall exceed 48 feet in length, except when semitrailers have a distance of not  
33 more than 41 feet between the kingpin of the semitrailer and the rearmost axle or a point midway  
34 between the rear tandem axles, such semitrailer shall be allowed not more than 53 feet in length.

35 The length limitations on semitrailers and trailers in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be  
36 exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices, steps and handholds for entry and egress, rubber  
37 dock guards, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps, refrigeration units, and air compressors. The  
38 Commonwealth Transportation Board shall designate reasonable access to terminals, facilities for food,  
39 fuel, repairs and rest. Household goods carriers and any tractor truck semitrailer combination in which  
40 the semitrailer has a length of no more than 28 1/2 feet shall not be denied reasonable access to points  
41 of loading and unloading, except as designated, based on safety considerations, by the Commonwealth  
42 Transportation Board.

43 *Any person operating a vehicle whose length is not in conformity with the provisions of this chapter*  
44 *on a two-lane highway where passing is permitted shall be guilty of a traffic infraction and fined \$250.*

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