

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1112 of the Code of Virginia, relating to vehicle lengths.*

3 [S 832]

4 Approved

5 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**6 **1. That § 46.2-1112 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**7 § 46.2-1112. Length of vehicles, generally; special permits; tractor truck semitrailer combinations,
8 etc., operating on certain highways.9 Except for buses, no motor vehicle longer than forty feet shall be operated on any highway in the
10 Commonwealth. The actual length of any combination of vehicles coupled together including any load
11 thereon shall not exceed a total of ~~sixty~~ sixty-five feet. No bus longer than forty-five feet shall be
12 operated on any highway in the Commonwealth. No tolerance shall be allowed that exceeds twelve
13 inches.14 The Commonwealth Transportation Board, however, when good cause is shown, may issue a special
15 permit for combinations either in excess of ~~sixty~~ sixty-five feet, including any load thereon, or where the
16 object or objects to be carried cannot be moved otherwise. Such permits may also be issued by the
17 Board when the total number of otherwise overdimensional loads of modular housing of no more than
18 two units may be reduced by permitting the use of an overlength trailer not exceeding fifty-four feet.19 No overall length restrictions, however, shall be imposed on any tractor truck semitrailer
20 combinations drawing one trailer or any tractor truck semitrailer combinations when operated on any
21 interstate highway or on any highway as designated by the Commonwealth Transportation Board. No
22 individual semitrailer or trailer being drawn in a tractor truck semitrailer trailer combination, however,
23 shall exceed twenty-eight and one-half feet in length, and no semitrailer being operated in a tractor truck
24 semitrailer combination shall exceed forty-eight feet in length, except when semitrailers have a distance
25 of not more than forty-one feet between the kingpin of the semitrailer and the rearmost axle or a point
26 midway between the rear tandem axles, such semitrailer shall be allowed not more than fifty-three feet
27 in length.28 The length limitations on semitrailers and trailers in the foregoing provisions of this section shall be
29 exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices, steps and handholds for entry and egress, rubber
30 dock guards, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps, refrigeration units, and air compressors. The
31 Commonwealth Transportation Board shall designate reasonable access to terminals, facilities for food,
32 fuel, repairs and rest. Household goods carriers and any tractor truck semitrailer combination in which
33 the semitrailer has a length of no more than twenty-eight and one-half feet shall not be denied
34 reasonable access to points of loading and unloading, except as designated, based on safety
35 considerations, by the Commonwealth Transportation Board.