

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1062

Short Title: Limitations on Semitrailers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lilley; Balmer, Barbee, Brown, Brubaker, Colton, J. Crawford, Dickson, Diggs, Grimmer, James, Jones, Justus, Ligon, Rhodes, and R. Thompson.

Referred to: Infrastructure.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LIMITATIONS ON SEMITRAILERS ON CERTAIN
2 NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAYS.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 20-115.1(b) reads as rewritten:

6 "(b) Motor vehicle combinations consisting of a semitrailer of not more than 48-53
7 feet in length and a truck tractor may be operated on the interstate highways (except
8 those exempted by the United States Secretary of Transportation pursuant to 49 USC
9 2311(i)) and federal-aid primary system highways designated by the United States
10 Secretary of Transportation provided that any semitrailer in excess of 48 feet in length
11 shall not be permitted unless the distance between the kingpin of the trailer and the
12 rearmost axle or a point midway between the two rear axles, if the two rear axles are a
13 tandem axle, does not exceed 41 feet; and provided that any semitrailer in excess of 48
14 feet is equipped with a rear underride guard of substantial construction consisting of a
15 continuous lateral beam extending to within four inches of the lateral extremities of the
16 semitrailer and located not more than 22 inches from the surface as measured with the
17 vehicle empty and on a level surface."

18 Sec. 2. G.S. 20-116(a) reads as rewritten:

19 "(a) The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed 96
20 inches, except as otherwise provided in this section: Provided that when hogsheads of
21 tobacco are being transported, a tolerance of five inches shall be allowed. Provided,
22 further, that vehicles (other than passenger buses) which do not exceed the overall width

- 1 of 102 inches and otherwise provided in this section may be operated in accordance
2 with G.S. 20-115.1(c), (f), and (g)."
3 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.