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Short Title: Limitations on Semitrailers.

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Referred to: Infrastructure.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

"(a) The total outside width of any vehicle or the load thereon shall not exceed 96 inches, except as otherwise provided in this section: Provided that when hogsheads of tobacco are being transported, a tolerance of five inches shall be allowed. Provided,

1 further, that vehicles (other than passenger buses) which do not exceed the overall width
2 of 102 inches and otherwise provided in this section may be operated in accordance
3 with G.S. 20-115.1(c), (f), and (g)."

4 Sec. 3. G.S. 20-115.1 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 "(h) A violation of subsections (a), (b), (c) or (f) shall, in addition to constituting
6 infractions, result in a civil penalty of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for a first violation,
7 two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for a second violation, and five hundred dollars
8 (\$500.00) for a third or subsequent violation to be assessed against the owner of the
9 vehicle by the Division. The violation for the civil penalty shall be noted on a citation
10 to be prepared by the Division and shall be served on the owner by certified or
11 registered mail, return receipt requested. Such penalties may be paid under protest and
12 recovery sought as provided in G.S. 20-91.1."

13 Sec. 4. G.S. 20-16(c) is amended by adding the following to the Schedule of
14 Point Values table:

15 "Off-route or oversize violations - G.S. 20-115.1.....2"

16 Sec. 5. This act is effective upon ratification.