

# State of South Dakota

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HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

ENGROSSED NO. **HB1154** - 1/27/98

**This bill has been extensively amended (hoghoused) and may no longer be consistent with the original intention of the sponsors.**

Introduced by: Representatives Kredit and Koskan and Senators Staggers and Hutmacher

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise the maximum allowable length of certain  
2 automobile and boat transporters.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 32-22-8.1 be amended to read as follows:

5 32-22-8.1. Unless otherwise signed, any motor vehicle may travel upon any segment of the  
6 national system of interstate and defense highways and the state trunk highway system if the  
7 vehicle is operated within the following length limitation:

- 8 (1) Fifty-three feet on the length of the semitrailer unit operating in a truck  
9 tractor-semitrailer combination;
- 10 (2) Twenty-eight and one-half feet on each trailer unit operating in a road  
11 tractor-trailer-trailer combination if the towbars do not exceed nineteen feet and the  
12 overall length of the trailer-trailer unit including towbars does not exceed eighty feet;
- 13 (3) Eighty feet on the overall length of a straight truck-trailer combination, provided that,  
14 if the towbar between the straight truck and trailer exceeds nineteen feet, the towbar  
15 is flagged during daylight hours and lighted at night; or

1 (4) The maximum length of a semitrailer-semitrailer or semitrailer-trailer combination,  
2 excluding the length of the truck-tractor, is eighty-one and one-half feet provided the  
3 maximum length of either unit does not exceed forty-five feet. If the towbar length  
4 exceeds nineteen feet, the towbar shall be flagged during daylight hours and lighted  
5 at night. The weight of the second unit may not exceed the weight of the first unit by  
6 more than three thousand pounds; ~~or~~

7 ~~(5) The maximum overall length for an automobile or boat transporter combination that~~  
8 ~~is not stinger-steered is limited to sixty-five feet, exclusive of front and rear load~~  
9 ~~overhang. For stinger-steered combinations, the maximum overall length is limited~~  
10 ~~to seventy-five feet, exclusive of front and rear load overhang. The maximum front~~  
11 ~~and rear load overhang is limited to a maximum of three feet and four feet,~~  
12 ~~respectively. Transporters may carry vehicles or boats on the power unit behind the~~  
13 ~~cab or on an over-cab rack, or both.~~

14 No other length limitation may be imposed on the vehicles described in this section. Length  
15 limitations are exclusive of load overhang, retractable extensions used to support overhanging  
16 load and safety and energy conservation devices, including but not limited to mirrors, turn signal  
17 lamps, hand holds, flexible fender extensions, and mud flaps. Load overhang and retractable  
18 extensions on any vehicle may not extend more than four feet beyond the rear bumper, bed, or  
19 body nor more than three feet beyond the front bumper, bed, or body of the vehicle carried  
20 thereon. Retractable extensions shall be retracted if not being used to support overhanging load.  
21 If a vehicle exceeds the length limitations of this section, the driver of the vehicle is guilty of a  
22 Class 2 misdemeanor.

1 **BILL HISTORY**

2 1/20/98 First read in House and referred to Transportation. H.J. 126

3 1/26/98 Scheduled for Committee hearing on this date.

4 1/26/98 Transportation Do Pass Amended, Passed, AYES 11, NAYS 1. H.J. 216

5 1/27/98 Transportation Hog Housed.