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To amend section 5577.05 of the Revised Code to 1
exempt a vehicle towing farm machinery from the 2
statutory vehicle size limits. 3

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That section 5577.05 of the Revised Code be 4
amended to read as follows: 5

Sec. 5577.05. (A) No vehicle shall be operated upon the 6
public highways, streets, bridges, and culverts within the 7
state, whose dimensions exceed those specified in this section. 8

(B) No such vehicle shall have a width in excess of: 9

(1) One hundred four inches for passenger bus type 10
vehicles operated exclusively within municipal corporations; 11

(2) One hundred two inches, excluding such safety devices 12
as are required by law, for passenger bus type vehicles operated 13
over freeways, and such other state roads with minimum pavement 14
widths of twenty-two feet, except those roads or portions of 15
roads over which operation of ~~one hundred two inch~~ one hundred- 16
two-inch buses is prohibited by order of the director of 17
transportation; 18

- (3) One hundred thirty-two inches for traction engines; 19
- (4) One hundred two inches for recreational vehicles, 20
excluding safety devices and retracted awnings and other 21
appurtenances of six inches or less in width and except that the 22
director may prohibit the operation of ~~one hundred two inch~~ one- 23
hundred-two-inch recreational vehicles on designated state 24
highways or portions of highways; 25
- (5) One hundred two inches, including load, for all other 26
vehicles, except that the director may prohibit the operation of 27
~~one hundred two inch~~ one-hundred-two-inch vehicles on such state 28
highways or portions of state highways as the director 29
designates. 30
- (C) No such vehicle shall have a length in excess of: 31
- (1) Sixty-six feet for passenger bus type vehicles and 32
articulated passenger bus type vehicles operated by a regional 33
transit authority pursuant to sections 306.30 to 306.54 of the 34
Revised Code; 35
- (2) Forty-five feet for all other passenger bus type 36
vehicles; 37
- (3) Fifty-three feet for any semitrailer when operated in 38
a commercial tractor-semitrailer combination, with or without 39
load, except that the director may prohibit the operation of any 40
such commercial tractor-semitrailer combination on such state 41
highways or portions of state highways as the director 42
designates. 43
- (4) Twenty-eight and one-half feet for any semitrailer or 44
trailer when operated in a commercial tractor-semitrailer- 45
trailer or commercial tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer 46
combination, except that the director may prohibit the operation 47

of any such commercial tractor-semitrailer-trailer or commercial 48
tractor-semitrailer-semitrailer combination on such state 49
highways or portions of state highways as the director 50
designates; 51

(5) (a) Ninety-seven feet for drive-away saddlemount 52
vehicle transporter combinations and drive-away saddlemount with 53
fullmount vehicle transporter combinations when operated on any 54
interstate, United States route, or state route, including 55
reasonable access travel on all other roadways for a distance 56
not to exceed one road mile from any interstate, United States 57
route, or state route, not to exceed three saddlemounted 58
vehicles, but which may include one fullmount; 59

(b) Seventy-five feet for drive-away saddlemount vehicle 60
transporter combinations and drive-away saddlemount with 61
fullmount vehicle transporter combinations, when operated on any 62
roadway not designated as an interstate, United States route, or 63
state route, not to exceed three saddlemounted vehicles, but 64
which may include one fullmount; 65

(6) Sixty-five feet for any other combination of vehicles 66
coupled together, with or without load, except as provided in 67
divisions (C) (3) and (4), and in division (E) of this section; 68

(7) Forty-five feet for recreational vehicles; 69

(8) Fifty feet for all other vehicles except trailers and 70
semitrailers, with or without load. 71

(D) No such vehicle shall have a height in excess of 72
thirteen feet six inches, with or without load. 73

(E) An automobile transporter or boat transporter shall be 74
allowed a length of sixty-five feet and a stinger-steered 75
automobile transporter or stinger-steered boat transporter shall 76

be allowed a length of seventy-five feet, except that the load 77
thereon may extend no more than four feet beyond the rear of 78
such vehicles and may extend no more than three feet beyond the 79
front of such vehicles, and except further that the director may 80
prohibit the operation of a stinger-steered automobile 81
transporter, stinger-steered boat transporter, or a B-train 82
assembly on any state highway or portion of any state highway 83
that the director designates. 84

(F) The widths prescribed in division (B) of this section 85
shall not include side mirrors, turn signal lamps, marker lamps, 86
handholds for cab entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, 87
mud flaps, splash and spray suppressant devices, and load- 88
induced tire bulge. 89

The width prescribed in division (B)(5) of this section 90
shall not include automatic covering devices, tarp and tarp 91
hardware, and tiedown assemblies, provided these safety devices 92
do not extend more than three inches from each side of the 93
vehicle. 94

The lengths prescribed in divisions (C)(2) to (8) of this 95
section shall not include safety devices, bumpers attached to 96
the front or rear of such bus or combination, nonproperty 97
carrying devices or components that do not extend more than 98
twenty-four inches beyond the rear of the vehicle and are needed 99
for loading or unloading, B-train assembly used between the 100
first and second semitrailer of a commercial tractor- 101
semitrailer-semitrailer combination, energy conservation devices 102
as provided in any regulations adopted by the secretary of the 103
United States department of transportation, or any noncargo- 104
carrying refrigeration equipment attached to the front of 105
trailers and semitrailers. In special cases, vehicles whose 106

dimensions exceed those prescribed by this section may operate 107
in accordance with rules adopted by the director. 108

~~(G)~~ (G) (1) This section does not apply to fire engines, 109
fire trucks, or other vehicles or apparatus belonging to any 110
municipal corporation or to the volunteer fire department of any 111
municipal corporation or used by such department in the 112
discharge of its functions. This section does not apply to 113
vehicles and pole trailers used in the transportation of wooden 114
and metal poles, nor to the transportation of pipes or well- 115
drilling equipment, nor to farm machinery and equipment. 116

(2) This section does not apply to a vehicle that is 117
towing or hauling farm machinery and equipment, provided that 118
one of the following applies: 119

(a) The towing or hauling vehicle would otherwise meet the 120
dimension requirements of this section if it was not engaged in 121
towing or hauling the farm machinery and equipment. 122

(b) The owner or operator of the towing or hauling vehicle 123
has the proper permits to cover the dimensions of the towing or 124
hauling vehicle, without consideration of the added dimensions 125
of the farm machinery and equipment that is being towed or 126
hailed. 127

The owner or operator of any vehicle, machinery, or 128
equipment not specifically enumerated in this section but the 129
dimensions of which exceed the dimensions provided by this 130
section, when operating the same on the highways and streets of 131
this state, shall comply with the rules of the director 132
governing such movement that the director may adopt. Sections 133
119.01 to 119.13 of the Revised Code apply to any rules the 134
director adopts under this section, or the amendment or 135

rescission of the rules, and any person adversely affected shall 136
have the same right of appeal as provided in those sections. 137

This section does not require the state, a municipal 138
corporation, county, township, or any railroad or other private 139
corporation to provide sufficient vertical clearance to permit 140
the operation of such vehicle, or to make any changes in or 141
about existing structures now crossing streets, roads, and other 142
public thoroughfares in this state. 143

(H) As used in this section, "recreational vehicle" has 144
the same meaning as in section 4501.01 of the Revised Code. 145

Section 2. That existing section 5577.05 of the Revised 146
Code is hereby repealed. 147