
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5147

State of Washington

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By Senate Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Hobbs and King)

READ FIRST TIME 02/01/17.

1 AN ACT Relating to exemptions from certain maximum vehicle length
2 limitations; and amending RCW 46.44.034.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.44.034 and 1997 c 191 s 1 are each amended to
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The load, or any portion of any vehicle, operated alone upon
7 the public highway of this state, or the load, or any portion of the
8 front vehicle of a combination of vehicles, shall not extend more
9 than three feet beyond the front wheels of such vehicle, or the front
10 bumper, if equipped with front bumper. This subsection does not apply
11 to a (a) front-loading garbage truck or recycling truck while on
12 route and actually engaged in the collection of solid waste or
13 recyclables at speeds of twenty miles per hour or less or (b) public
14 transit vehicle equipped with a bike rack that does not extend more
15 than four feet beyond the front bumper.

16 (2) No vehicle shall be operated upon the public highways with
17 any part of the permanent structure or load extending in excess of
18 fifteen feet beyond the center of the last axle of such vehicle. This
19 subsection does not apply to "specialized equipment" designated under
20 49 U.S.C. Sec. 2311 that is operated on the interstate highway
21 system, those designated portions of the federal-aid primary system,

1 and routes constituting reasonable access from such highways to
2 terminals and facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest.

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