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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to traffic regulations; increasing single vehicle length limit; amending
1.3 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.81, subdivision 2.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.81, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

1.6 Subd. 2. **Length of single vehicle; exceptions.** (a) Statewide, no single vehicle may
1.7 exceed ~~40~~ 45 feet in overall length, including load and front and rear bumpers, except:

1.8 ~~(1) mobile cranes, which may not exceed 48 feet in overall length;~~

1.9 ~~(2) buses, which may not exceed 45 feet in overall length; and~~

1.10 ~~(3) type A, B, or C motor homes as defined in section 168.011, subdivision 25,~~
1.11 ~~paragraph (c), which may not exceed 45 feet in overall length.~~

1.12 (b) Statewide, no semitrailer may exceed 48 feet in overall length, including bumper
1.13 and load, but excluding non-cargo-carrying equipment, such as refrigeration units or air
1.14 compressors, necessary for safe and efficient operation and located on the end of the
1.15 semitrailer adjacent to the truck-tractor. However, statewide, a single semitrailer may
1.16 exceed 48 feet, but not 53 feet, if the distance from the kingpin to the centerline of the
1.17 rear axle group of the semitrailer does not exceed 43 feet.

1.18 (c) Statewide, no single trailer may have an overall length exceeding 45 feet,
1.19 including the tow bar assembly but exclusive of rear bumpers that do not increase the
1.20 overall length by more than six inches.

1.21 (d) For determining compliance with this subdivision, the length of the semitrailer
1.22 or trailer must be determined separately from the overall length of the combination of
1.23 vehicles.

2.1 (e) No semitrailer or trailer used in a three-vehicle combination may have an overall
2.2 length in excess of 28-1/2 feet, exclusive of:

2.3 (1) non-cargo-carrying accessory equipment, including refrigeration units or air
2.4 compressors and upper coupler plates, necessary for safe and efficient operation, located
2.5 on the end of the semitrailer or trailer adjacent to the truck or truck-tractor;

2.6 (2) the tow bar assembly; and

2.7 (3) lower coupler equipment that is a fixed part of the rear end of the first semitrailer
2.8 or trailer.

2.9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective August 1, 2007.