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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2549

By: Representative Agee

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE 27-35-208  
CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF VEHICLES ON THE HIGHWAYS  
IN ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF VEHICLES  
ON THE HIGHWAYS IN ARKANSAS.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 27-35-208(b), concerning the length of vehicles on the highways in Arkansas, is amended to read as follows:

(b) No bus operated on the highways of this state shall have an overall length in excess of ~~forty feet (40')~~ forty-five feet (45').

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 27-35-208(c), concerning the length of vehicles on the highways in Arkansas, is amended to read as follows:

(c)(1)(A) No semi trailer or trailer operated on the highways of this state in a truck tractor-semi trailer combination or a truck tractor-trailer combination shall have an overall length, unladen or with load, greater than those lengths that were in actual and lawful use in this state on December 1, 1982.

(B) ~~The state shall not establish or enforce any regulation which imposes a semi trailer or trailer length limitation of less than forty eight feet (48') on a semi trailer or trailer unit operating in combination with a truck tractor unit.~~ No semi trailer, pole trailer, or trailer operated on the highways of this state shall have an overall length,

1 unladen or laden, including any rear overhang, in excess of fifty-three feet  
2 six inches (53' 6") when operating in combination with a tuck or truck  
3 tractor.

4 (2)(A) No semi trailer or trailer operated on the highways of  
5 this state in a truck tractor-semi trailer-trailer combination shall have an  
6 overall length, unladen or with load, in excess of twenty-eight feet (28').

7 (B) Existing semi trailers or trailers of twenty-eight  
8 feet, six inches (28' 6") that were in actual and lawful use on December 1,  
9 1982, shall not be prohibited.

10 (3) The length limitations described in this subsection (c)  
11 shall be exclusive of coupling devices, energy conservation devices, and  
12 safety devices as provided by federal regulations.