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To amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to length and weight limitations for buses, trucks, and other large vehicles on Federal highways, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LAUTENBERG (for himself and Mrs. McCASKILL) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Truck Operations
5 and Preservation Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. OPERATION OF RESTRICTED PROPERTY-CARRYING**
 2 **UNITS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.**

3 (a) RESTRICTED PROPERTY-CARRYING UNIT DE-
 4 FINED.—Section 31111(a)(1) of title 49, United States
 5 Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating paragraph (4) as para-
 7 graph (5); and

8 (2) by inserting after paragraph (3) the fol-
 9 lowing:

10 “(4) RESTRICTED PROPERTY-CARRYING
 11 UNIT.—The term ‘restricted property-carrying unit’
 12 means any trailer, semi-trailer, container, or other
 13 property-carrying unit that is longer than 53 feet.”.

14 (b) PROHIBITION ON OPERATION OF RESTRICTED
 15 PROPERTY-CARRYING UNITS.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 31111(b)(1)(C) of
 17 title 49, United States Code, is amended to read as
 18 follows:

19 “(C) allows operation on any segment of the
 20 National Highway System, including the Interstate
 21 System, of a restricted property-carrying unit unless
 22 the operation is specified on the list published under
 23 subsection (h);”.

24 (2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made
 25 by paragraph (1) shall take effect 1 year after the
 26 date of enactment of this Act.

1 (c) LIMITATIONS.—Section 31111 of title 49, United
 2 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 3 lowing:

4 “(h) RESTRICTED PROPERTY-CARRYING UNITS.—

5 “(1) APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITION.—

6 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding sub-
 7 section (b)(1)(C), a restricted property-carrying
 8 unit may continue to operate on a segment of
 9 the National Highway System if the operation
 10 of such unit is specified on the list published
 11 under paragraph (2).

12 “(B) APPLICABILITY OF STATE LAWS AND
 13 REGULATIONS.—All operations specified on the
 14 list published under paragraph (2) shall con-
 15 tinue to be subject to all State statutes, regula-
 16 tions, limitations and conditions, including rout-
 17 ing-specific, commodity-specific, and configura-
 18 tion-specific designations and all other restric-
 19 tions, in force on June 1, 2003.

20 “(C) FIRE-FIGHTING UNITS.—Subsection
 21 (b)(1)(C) shall not apply to the operation of a
 22 restricted property-carrying unit that is used
 23 exclusively for fire-fighting.

24 “(2) LISTING OF RESTRICTED PROPERTY-CAR-
 25 RYING UNITS.—

1 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60
2 days after the date of enactment of the Safe
3 Truck Operations and Preservation Act, the
4 Secretary shall initiate a proceeding to deter-
5 mine and publish a list of restricted property-
6 carrying units that were authorized by State of-
7 ficials pursuant to State statute or regulation
8 on June 1, 2003, and in actual and lawful oper-
9 ation on a regular or periodic basis (including
10 seasonal operations) on or before June 1, 2003.

11 “(B) LIMITATION.—A restricted property-
12 carrying unit may not be included on the list
13 published under subparagraph (A) on the basis
14 that a State law or regulation could have au-
15 thorized the operation of the unit at some prior
16 date by permit or otherwise.

17 “(C) PUBLICATION OF FINAL LIST.—Not
18 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of
19 the Safe Truck Operations and Preservation
20 Act, the Secretary shall publish a final list of
21 restricted property-carrying units described in
22 subparagraph (A).

23 “(D) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall up-
24 date the list published under subparagraph (C)

1 as necessary to reflect new designations made
 2 to the National Highway System.

3 “(3) APPLICABILITY OF PROHIBITION.—The
 4 prohibition established by subsection (b)(1)(C) shall
 5 apply to any new designation made to the National
 6 Highway System and remain in effect on those por-
 7 tions of the National Highway System that cease to
 8 be designated as part of the National Highway Sys-
 9 tem.

10 “(4) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUC-
 11 TION.—This subsection does not prevent a State
 12 from further restricting in any manner or prohib-
 13 iting the operation of a restricted property-carrying
 14 unit if the restrictions or prohibitions are consistent
 15 with the requirements of this section and sections
 16 31112 through 31114.”.

17 (d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The second sen-
 18 tence of section 141(a) of title 23, United States Code,
 19 is amended by striking “section 31112” and inserting
 20 “sections 31111 and 31112”.

21 **SEC. 3. OPERATION OF LONGER COMBINATION VEHICLES**
 22 **ON NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31112 of title 49, United
 24 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) by redesignating subsections (f) and (g) as
2 subsections (g) and (h), respectively; and

3 (2) by inserting after subsection (e) the fol-
4 lowing:

5 “(f) NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM.—

6 “(1) GENERAL RULE.—A State may not allow,
7 on a segment of the National Highway System that
8 is not covered under subsection (b) or (c), the oper-
9 ation of a commercial motor vehicle combination (ex-
10 cept a vehicle or load that cannot be dismantled eas-
11 ily or divided easily and that has been issued a spe-
12 cial permit under applicable State law) with more
13 than one property-carrying unit (not including the
14 truck tractor) whose property-carrying units are
15 more than—

16 “(A) the maximum combination trailer,
17 semitrailer, or other type of length limitation al-
18 lowed by law or regulation of that State on
19 June 1, 2003, or

20 “(B) the length of the property-carrying
21 units of those commercial motor vehicle com-
22 binations, by specific configuration, in actual
23 and lawful operation on a regular or periodic
24 basis (including continuing seasonal operation)
25 in that State on or before June 1, 2003.

1 “(2) ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS.—

2 “(A) APPLICABILITY OF STATE RESTRIC-
3 TIONS.—A commercial motor vehicle combina-
4 tion whose operation in a State is not prohib-
5 ited under paragraph (1) may continue to oper-
6 ate in the State on highways described in para-
7 graph (1) only in compliance with all State
8 laws, regulations, limitations, and conditions,
9 including routing-specific and configuration-spe-
10 cific designations and all other restrictions in
11 force in the State on June 1, 2003. However,
12 subject to regulations prescribed by the Sec-
13 retary under subsection (h), the State may
14 make minor adjustments of a temporary and
15 emergency nature to route designations and ve-
16 hicle operating restrictions in effect on June 1,
17 2003, for specific safety purposes and road con-
18 struction.

19 “(B) ADDITIONAL STATE RESTRICTIONS.—

20 This subsection does not prevent a State from
21 further restricting in any manner or prohibiting
22 the operation of a commercial motor vehicle
23 combination subject to this section if the re-
24 strictions or prohibitions are consistent with

1 this section and sections 31113(a), 31113(b),
2 and 31114.

3 “(C) MINOR ADJUSTMENTS.—A State
4 making a minor adjustment of a temporary and
5 emergency nature as authorized by subpara-
6 graph (A) or further restricting or prohibiting
7 the operation of a commercial motor vehicle
8 combination as authorized by subparagraph (B)
9 shall advise the Secretary not later than 30
10 days after the action. The Secretary shall pub-
11 lish a notice of the action in the Federal Reg-
12 ister.

13 “(3) LIST OF STATE LENGTH LIMITATIONS.—

14 “(A) STATE SUBMISSIONS.—Not later than
15 60 days after the date of enactment of the Safe
16 Truck Operations and Preservation Act, each
17 State shall submit to the Secretary for publica-
18 tion a complete list of State length limitations
19 applicable to commercial motor vehicle combina-
20 tions operating in the State on the highways de-
21 scribed in paragraph (1). The list shall indicate
22 the applicable State laws and regulations asso-
23 ciated with the length limitations. If a State
24 does not submit the information as required,

1 the Secretary shall complete and file the infor-
2 mation for the State.

3 “(B) PUBLICATION OF INTERIM LIST.—
4 Not later than 90 days after the date of enact-
5 ment of the Safe Truck Operations and Preser-
6 vation Act, the Secretary shall publish an in-
7 terim list in the Federal Register consisting of
8 all information submitted under subparagraph
9 (A). The Secretary shall review for accuracy all
10 information submitted by a State under sub-
11 paragraph (A) and shall solicit and consider
12 public comment on the accuracy of the informa-
13 tion.

14 “(C) LIMITATION.—A law or regulation
15 may not be included on the list submitted by a
16 State or published by the Secretary merely be-
17 cause it authorized, or could have authorized,
18 by permit or otherwise, the operation of com-
19 mercial motor vehicle combinations not in ac-
20 tual operation on a regular or periodic basis on
21 or before June 1, 2003.

22 “(D) PUBLICATION OF FINAL LIST.—Ex-
23 cept as revised under this subparagraph or sub-
24 paragraph (E), the list shall be published as
25 final in the Federal Register not later than 1

1 year after the date of enactment of the Safe
 2 Truck Operations and Preservation Act. In
 3 publishing the final list, the Secretary shall
 4 make any revisions necessary to correct inac-
 5 curacies identified under subparagraph (B).
 6 After publication of the final list, commercial
 7 motor vehicle combinations prohibited under
 8 paragraph (1) may not operate on a highway
 9 described in paragraph (1) except as published
 10 on the list.

11 “(E) INACCURACIES.—On the Secretary’s
 12 own motion or on request by any person (in-
 13 cluding a State), the Secretary shall review the
 14 list published under subparagraph (D). If the
 15 Secretary decides there is reason to believe a
 16 mistake was made in the accuracy of the list,
 17 the Secretary shall begin a proceeding to decide
 18 whether a mistake was made. If the Secretary
 19 decides there was a mistake, the Secretary shall
 20 publish the correction.”.

21 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 31112 of
 22 title 49, United States Code, is amended—

23 (1) by inserting “126(e) or” before “127(d)” in
 24 paragraph (1) of subsection (g) (as redesignated by
 25 subsection (a) of this section);

1 (2) by inserting “(or June 1, 2003, with respect
 2 to highways described in subsection (f)(1))” after
 3 “June 2, 1991” in paragraph (3) of subsection (g)
 4 (as redesignated by subsection (a) of this section);
 5 (3) by striking “Not later than June 15, 1992,
 6 the Secretary” and inserting “The Secretary”; and
 7 (4) by inserting “or (f)” after “subsection (d)”
 8 in paragraph (2) of subsection (h) (as redesignated
 9 by subsection (a) of this section).

10 **SEC. 4. TERMINATION OF DETERMINATIONS OF GRAND-**
 11 **FATHER RIGHTS.**

12 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any provision of
 13 law to the contrary, a State may not allow, on a segment
 14 of the Interstate System, the operation of a vehicle or com-
 15 bination (other than a longer combination vehicle) exceed-
 16 ing an Interstate weight limit more than 1 year after the
 17 date of enactment of this Act unless the operation is speci-
 18 fied on the list published under subsection (b).

19 (b) LIST OF VEHICLES AND COMBINATIONS.—

20 (1) PROCEEDING.—Not later than 60 days
 21 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
 22 retary of Transportation shall initiate a proceeding
 23 to determine and publish a list of vehicles and com-
 24 binations (other than longer combination vehicles),
 25 otherwise exceeding an Interstate weight limit, that

1 the Department of Transportation, any other Fed-
 2 eral agency, or a State has determined on or before
 3 June 1, 2003, could be lawfully operated within such
 4 State—

5 (A) on July 1, 1956;

6 (B) in the case of the overall gross weight
 7 of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, on
 8 the date of enactment of the Federal-Aid High-
 9 way Amendments of 1974; or

10 (C) under a special rule applicable to a
 11 State under section 127(a) of title 23, United
 12 States Code.

13 (2) LIMITATIONS.—

14 (A) ACTUAL AND LAWFUL OPERATIONS
 15 REQUIRED.—An operation of a vehicle or com-
 16 bination may be included on the list published
 17 under paragraph (1) only if the vehicle or com-
 18 bination was in actual and lawful operation in
 19 the State on a regular or periodic basis on or
 20 before June 1, 2003.

21 (B) STATE AUTHORITY NOT SUFFI-
 22 CIENT.—An operation of a vehicle or combina-
 23 tion may not be included on the list published
 24 under paragraph (1) on the basis that a State
 25 law or regulation could have authorized the op-

1 eration of the vehicle or combination at some
2 prior date by permit or otherwise.

3 (3) PUBLICATION OF FINAL LIST.—Not later
4 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary shall publish a final list of vehicles and
6 combinations described in paragraph (1).

7 (c) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—
8 This section does not prevent a State from reducing the
9 gross vehicle weight limitation, the single and tandem axle
10 weight limitations, or the overall maximum gross weight
11 on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles applicable to
12 portions of the Interstate System in the State for oper-
13 ations on the list published under subsection (b)(3) as long
14 as no such reduction results in a limitation that is less
15 than an Interstate weight limit.

16 (d) APPLICABILITY OF EXISTING REQUIREMENTS.—
17 All vehicles and combinations included on the list pub-
18 lished under subsection (b) shall be subject to all routing-
19 specific, commodity-specific, and weight-specific designa-
20 tions in force in a State on June 1, 2003.

21 (e) INTERSTATE WEIGHT LIMIT DEFINED.—In this
22 section, the term “Interstate weight limit” means the
23 80,000 pound gross vehicle weight limitation, the 20,000
24 pound single axle weight limitation (including enforcement
25 tolerances), the 34,000 pound tandem axle weight limita-

1 tion (including enforcement tolerances), and the overall
 2 maximum gross weight (including enforcement tolerances)
 3 on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles produced by
 4 application of the formula in section 127(a) of title 23,
 5 United States Code.

6 (f) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The fourth sen-
 7 tence of section 127(a) of title 23, United States Code,
 8 is amended by striking “the State determines”.

9 **SEC. 5. NONDIVISIBLE LOAD PROCEEDING.**

10 (a) NONDIVISIBLE LOAD PROCEEDING.—Not later
 11 than 60 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the
 12 Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a proceeding to
 13 define the term “vehicles and loads which cannot be easily
 14 dismantled or divided” as used in section 31112 of title
 15 49, United States Code, and section 127(a) of title 23,
 16 United States Code.

17 (b) LIST OF COMMODITIES.—

18 (1) IN GENERAL.—The definition developed
 19 under subsection (a) shall include a list of commod-
 20 ities (or classes or types of commodities) that do not
 21 qualify as nondivisible loads.

22 (2) LIMITATION.—The list of commodities de-
 23 veloped under subsection (a) shall not be interpreted
 24 to be a comprehensive list of commodities that do
 25 not qualify as nondivisible loads.

1 (c) REGULATIONS.—Not later than 1 year after the
 2 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall issue
 3 final regulations setting forth the determination of the
 4 Secretary made under subsection (a). The Secretary shall
 5 update the regulations as necessary.

6 (d) APPLICABILITY.—Regulations issued under sub-
 7 section (b) shall apply to all vehicles and loads operating
 8 on the National Highway System.

9 (e) STATE REQUIREMENTS.—A State may establish
 10 any requirement that is not inconsistent with regulations
 11 issued under subsection (b).

12 (f) STATEMENT OF POLICY.—The purpose of this
 13 section is to promote conformity with Interstate weight
 14 limits to preserve publicly funded infrastructure and pro-
 15 tect motorists by limiting maximum vehicle weight on key
 16 portions of the Federal-aid highway system.

17 **SEC. 6. WAIVERS OF WEIGHT LIMITATIONS DURING PERI-**
 18 **ODS OF NATIONAL EMERGENCY.**

19 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi-
 20 sion of law, the Secretary of Transportation, in consulta-
 21 tion with the Secretary of Defense, may waive or limit the
 22 application of any vehicle weight limit established under
 23 this section 126 or 127 of title 23, United States Code,
 24 with respect to a highway route during a period of national

1 emergency in order to respond to the effects of the na-
2 tional emergency.

3 (b) APPLICABILITY.—Emergency limits established
4 under subsection (a) shall preempt any inconsistent State
5 vehicle weight limits.

6 **SEC. 7. VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS—NATIONAL HIGH-**
7 **WAY SYSTEM.**

8 (a) NON-INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS ON NATIONAL
9 HIGHWAY SYSTEM.—

10 (1) IN GENERAL.—After the 270th day after
11 the date of enactment of this Act, any Interstate
12 weight limit that applies to vehicles and combina-
13 tions (other than longer combination vehicles) oper-
14 ating on the Interstate System in a State under sec-
15 tion 127 of title 23, United States Code, shall also
16 apply to vehicles and combinations (other than
17 longer combination vehicles) operating on non-Inter-
18 state segments of the National Highway System in
19 such State, unless such segments are subject to
20 lower State weight limits as provided for in sub-
21 section (d).

22 (2) EXISTING HIGHWAYS.—

23 (A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding para-
24 graph (1), in the case of a non-Interstate seg-
25 ment of the National Highway System that is

open to traffic on June 1, 2003, a State may allow the operation of any vehicle or combination (other than a longer combination vehicle) on such segment that the Secretary determines under subsection (b) could be lawfully operated on such segment on June 1, 2003.

(B) APPLICABILITY OF STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.—All operations described in subparagraph (A) shall continue to be subject to all State statutes, regulations, limitations and conditions, including routing-specific, commodity-specific, and configuration-specific designations and all other restrictions, in force on June 1, 2003.

(3) NEW HIGHWAYS.—Subject to subsection (d)(1), the gross vehicle weight limitations and axle loading limitations applicable to all vehicles and combinations (other than longer combination vehicles) on a non-Interstate segment of the National Highway System that is not open to traffic on June 1, 2003, shall be the Interstate weight limit.

(b) LISTING OF VEHICLES AND COMBINATIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation shall initiate a proceeding to determine and publish a list of vehicles and combinations (other

1 than longer combination vehicles), otherwise exceed-
2 ing an Interstate weight limit, that could be lawfully
3 operated on a non-Interstate segment of the Na-
4 tional Highway System on June 1, 2003.

5 (2) REQUIREMENTS.—In publishing a list of ve-
6 hicles and combinations under paragraph (1), the
7 Secretary shall identify—

8 (A) the gross vehicle weight limitations
9 and axle loading limitations in each State appli-
10 cable, on June 1, 2003, to vehicles and com-
11 binations (other than longer combination vehi-
12 cles) on non-Interstate segments of the Na-
13 tional Highway System; and

14 (B) operations of vehicles and combina-
15 tions (other than longer combination vehicles),
16 exceeding State gross vehicle weight limitations
17 and axle loading limitations identified under
18 subparagraph (A), which were in actual and
19 lawful operation on a regular or periodic basis
20 (including seasonal operations) on June 1,
21 2003.

22 (3) LIMITATION.—An operation of a vehicle or
23 combination may not be included on the list pub-
24 lished under paragraph (1) on the basis that a State

1 law or regulation could have authorized such oper-
2 ation at some prior date by permit or otherwise.

3 (4) PUBLICATION OF FINAL LIST.—Not later
4 than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act,
5 the Secretary shall publish a final list of vehicles and
6 combinations described in paragraph (1).

7 (5) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall update the
8 list published under paragraph (1) as necessary to
9 reflect new designations made to the National High-
10 way System.

11 (c) APPLICABILITY OF LIMITATIONS.—The limita-
12 tions established by subsection (a) shall apply to any new
13 designation made to the National Highway System and
14 remain in effect on those non-Interstate highways that
15 cease to be designated as part of the National Highway
16 System.

17 (d) LIMITATIONS ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—

18 (1) STATE ENFORCEMENT OF MORE RESTRICTIVE
19 WEIGHT LIMITS.—This section does not pre-
20 vent a State from maintaining or imposing a weight
21 limitation that is more restrictive than the Interstate
22 weight limit on vehicles or combinations (other than
23 longer combination vehicles) operating on a non-
24 Interstate segment of the National Highway System.

1 (2) STATE ACTIONS TO REDUCE WEIGHT LIM-
2 ITS.—This section does not prevent a State from re-
3 ducing the State’s gross vehicle weight limitation,
4 single or tandem axle weight limitations, or the over-
5 all maximum gross weight on 2 or more consecutive
6 axles on any non-Interstate segment of the National
7 Highway System.

8 (e) LONGER COMBINATION VEHICLES.—

9 (1) PROHIBITION.—

10 (A) IN GENERAL.—After the 270th day
11 after the date of enactment of this Act, a longer
12 combination vehicle may continue to operate on
13 a non-Interstate segment of the National High-
14 way System only if the operation of the longer
15 combination vehicle configuration type was au-
16 thorized by State officials pursuant to State
17 statute or regulation on June 1, 2003, and in
18 actual and lawful operation on a regular or
19 periodic basis (including seasonal operations) on
20 or before June 1, 2003.

21 (B) APPLICABILITY OF STATE LAWS AND
22 REGULATIONS.—All operations described in
23 subparagraph (A) shall continue to be subject
24 to all State statutes, regulations, limitations
25 and conditions, including routing-specific, com-

1 modity-specific, and configuration-specific des-
2 ignations and all other restrictions, in force on
3 June 1, 2003.

4 (2) LISTING OF VEHICLES AND COMBINA-
5 TIONS.—

6 (A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 60 days
7 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-
8 retary shall initiate a proceeding to determine
9 and publish a list of longer combination vehicles
10 that could be lawfully operated on non-Inter-
11 state segments of the National Highway System
12 on June 1, 2003.

13 (B) LIMITATION.—A longer combination
14 vehicle may not be included on the list pub-
15 lished under subparagraph (A) on the basis
16 that a State law or regulation could have au-
17 thorized the operation of such vehicle at some
18 prior date by permit or otherwise.

19 (C) PUBLICATION OF FINAL LIST.—Not
20 later than 1 year after the date of enactment of
21 this Act, the Secretary shall publish a final list
22 of longer combination vehicles described in sub-
23 paragraph (A).

24 (D) UPDATES.—The Secretary shall up-
25 date the list published under subparagraph (A)

1 as necessary to reflect new designations made
2 to the National Highway System.

3 (3) LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRU-
4 TION.—This subsection does not prevent a State
5 from further restricting in any manner or prohib-
6 iting the operation of a longer combination vehicle if
7 the restrictions or prohibitions are consistent with
8 the requirements of section 127 of this title and sec-
9 tions 31112 through 31114 of title 49, United
10 States Code.

11 (f) MODEL SCHEDULE OF FINES.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, in consulta-
13 tion with the States, shall establish a model schedule
14 of fines to be assessed for violations of this section.

15 (2) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the schedule of
16 fines shall be to ensure that fines are sufficient to
17 deter violations of the requirements of this section
18 and to permit States to recover costs associated with
19 damages caused to the National Highway System by
20 the operation of such vehicles.

21 (3) ADOPTION BY STATES.—The Secretary
22 shall encourage but not require States to adopt the
23 schedule of fines.

24 (g) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) INTERSTATE WEIGHT LIMIT.—The term
2 “Interstate weight limit” has the meaning given that
3 term in section 127(h) of title 23, United States
4 Code.

5 (2) LONGER COMBINATION VEHICLE.—The
6 term “longer combination vehicle” has the meaning
7 given that term in section 127(d) of that title.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section 141(a) of
9 title 23, United States Code, is amended—

10 (1) by striking “the Federal-aid primary sys-
11 tem, the Federal-aid urban system, and the Federal-
12 aid secondary system, including the Interstate Sys-
13 tem” and inserting “the National Highway System,
14 including the Interstate System,”; and

15 (2) by striking “section 127” and inserting
16 “sections 126 and 127”.

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