

HOUSE No. 2411

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 7, 1941.

The committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, to whom was referred the special report of the Commission on Interstate Co-operation recommending legislation relative to the length and height of certain motor vehicles and trailers (House, No. 2146), report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2411).

For the committee,

EDWARD W. STAVES.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE LENGTH OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAILERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter ninety of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section nineteen, as most
3 recently amended by section one of chapter three
4 hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of nineteen
5 hundred and thirty-six, and inserting in place thereof
6 the following: —

7 *Section 19.* No motor vehicle or trailer, the out-
8 side width of which is more than ninety-six inches
9 or the extreme over-all length of which is more than
10 thirty-three feet or, in the case of a motor bus, thirty-
11 five feet, shall be operated on any way without a
12 special permit so to operate from the board or officer
13 having charge of such way or, in case of a state high-
14 way or a way determined by the department of
15 public works to be a through route, from said de-
16 partment; provided, that such width may be ex-
17 ceeded by the lateral projection of pneumatic tires
18 beyond the rims of the wheels for such distance on
19 either side of the vehicle or trailer as will not increase
20 its outside width above one hundred and two inches;
21 and provided, further, that the extreme over-all

22 length of a semi-trailer unit, wherever used, may
23 exceed thirty-three feet but not forty feet, and that,
24 when used for the transportation of poles or single
25 units of lumber or metal, such length may exceed
26 thirty-three feet but not sixty feet, except as au-
27 thorized by a special permit granted as aforesaid.
28 The aforesaid dimensions of width and length shall
29 be inclusive of the load. No trailer having a carrying
30 capacity of more than one thousand pounds, other
31 than a semi-trailer, or a heavy duty platform trailer
32 used for purposes other than the transportation of
33 goods, wares and merchandise, or a trailer used solely
34 for the transportation of horses by the owner of such
35 horses under a special permit hereby authorized to
36 be granted to such owner by the department of public
37 works, shall be operated or drawn on the ways of
38 the commonwealth; provided, that a trailer having
39 a carrying capacity of more than one thousand pounds
40 may be operated or drawn upon any way for a dis-
41 tance not exceeding one half mile, if said trailer is
42 used exclusively for agricultural purposes, or for a
43 distance not exceeding three hundred yards, if such
44 trailer is used for industrial purposes other than
45 agricultural purposes, for the purpose of going from
46 property owned or occupied by the owner of such
47 trailer to other property so owned or occupied. No
48 motor vehicle shall be operated on any way to draw
49 more than one trailer or other vehicle.

