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SENATE No. 1298

By Mr. Zarod, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1298) of Stanley J. Zarod for legislation relative to dimensions and weights of motor vehicles. Public Safety.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO DIMENSIONS AND WEIGHTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES.

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 90, Section 19 is hereby amended by striking in
- 2 its entirety the first sentence thereof and by substituting
- 3 therefor the following sentence: —
- 4 No motor vehicle or trailer, the outside width of which is
- 5 more than ninety-six inches or in the case of a motor bus
- 6 one hundred and two inches or the extreme overall length of
- 7 which is more than thirty-three feet or, in the case of a truck
- 8 or motor bus, forty feet, shall be operated on any way with-
- 9 out a special permit so to operate from the board or officer
- 10 having charge of such way or, in case of a state highway or
- 11 a way determined by the department of public works to be a
- 12 through route, from said department; provided, that such
- 13 width may be exceeded by the lateral projection of pneumatic
- 14 tires beyond the rims of the wheels for such distance on
- 15 either side of the vehicle or trailer as will not increase its
- 16 outside width above one hundred two inches; provided, fur-
- 17 ther, that such width may be further exceeded by the lateral
- 18 projection of mirrors or other devices on semi-trailer units,
- 19 tractor-trailer combinations, tractors, commercial vehicles
- 20 having a registered gross weight in excess of ten thousand
- 21 pounds, a bus or a school bus, so long as such mirrors or other
- 22 devices will not increase the outside width of such vehicles
- 23 above one hundred and twelve inches and provided such mir-
- 24 rors or other devices are so mounted as not to constitute a
- 25 hazard to pedestrians on or adjacent to any public way.

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