

By Mr. MacLean, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1383) of William Q. MacLean, Jr., for legislation to further conform the General Laws to the Federal Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT FURTHER CONFORMING THE GENERAL LAWS TO THE FEDERAL SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1982.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking the definition of "Automobile
3 transporter", as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following definition: —

5 "Automobile transporter", any vehicle combination, including
6 a stinger-steered automobile transporter and a low boy
7 automobile transporter, designed and used specifically for the
8 transport of assembled (capable of being driven) highway vehicles.
9 The highway vehicles being transported may be carried on the
10 power unit on an over-cab rack and behind the cab and on the
11 semitrailer or low boy.

1 SECTION 2. Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Specific
3 business locations", as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, the
4 following definition: —

5 "Stinger-steered automobile transporter", an automobile
6 transporter configured as a semitrailer combination wherein the
7 fifth wheel is located on a drop frame located behind and below
8 the rear-most axle of the power unit.

1 SECTION 3. Section 1 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the definition of "Intersecting

3 way”, as appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, the following
4 definition: —

5 “Low-boy automobile transporter” — a trailer unit in which
6 the trailer is designed and used specifically for the transport of
7 assembled (capable of being driven) highway vehicles. The top
8 surface of the deck platform of such trailer shall not be more than
9 thirty-six inches above the surface on which the wheels of the
10 vehicle rest.”

1 SECTION 4. Section 19 of chapter 90 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking the first sentence thereof, as appearing
3 in the 1986 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: —

5 Except as otherwise provided in sections nineteen F and
6 nineteen G, the following provisions shall apply:

7 No motor vehicle or trailer, the outside width of which is more
8 than one hundred and two inches or the extreme overall length
9 of which is more than thirty-three feet, or in the case of a truck,
10 forty feet, or in the case of a motor bus, forty feet, or in the case
11 of a stinger-steered automobile transporter, sixty-five feet not
12 including loan overhand which shall not exceed three feet beyond
13 the foremost part of the front transporting vehicle or more than
14 four feet beyond the rear bed of the body, shall be operated on
15 any way without a special permit so to operate from the board
16 or officer having charge of such way or, in case of a state highway
17 or a way determined by the department of public works to be a
18 through route, from said department.

1 SECTION 5. Section 19F of chapter 90 of the General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding to the third paragraph thereof, as
3 appearing in the 1986 Official Edition, the following sentences: —

4 Any trailer or semi-trailer of such dimensions as those that were
5 in actual and lawful use in the Commonwealth on December 1,
6 1982, may be operated on the National Network and on routes
7 of reasonable access designed by the department.