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COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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FAILED TO ADOPT \_\_\_\_\_ (Y/N)  
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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: State Affairs Committee  
2 Representative Payne offered the following:

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4 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 Between lines 198 and 199, insert:

6 Section 6. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 316.515,  
7 Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (16) is added to  
8 that section, to read:

9 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.—

10 (3) LENGTH LIMITATION.—Except as otherwise provided in  
11 this section, length limitations apply solely to a semitrailer  
12 or trailer, and not to a truck tractor or to the overall length  
13 of a combination of vehicles. No combination of commercial motor  
14 vehicles coupled together and operating on the public roads may  
15 consist of more than one truck tractor and two trailing units.  
16 Unless otherwise specifically provided for in this section, a

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17 combination of vehicles not qualifying as commercial motor  
18 vehicles may consist of no more than two units coupled together;  
19 such nonqualifying combination of vehicles may not exceed a  
20 total length of 65 feet, inclusive of the load carried thereon,  
21 but exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices approved  
22 by the department for use on vehicles using public roads.  
23 Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a truck  
24 tractor-semitrailer combination engaged in the transportation of  
25 automobiles or boats may transport motor vehicles or boats on  
26 part of the power unit; and, except as may otherwise be mandated  
27 under federal law, an automobile or boat transporter semitrailer  
28 may not exceed 50 feet in length, exclusive of the load;  
29 however, the load may extend up to an additional 6 feet beyond  
30 the rear of the trailer. The 50-foot length limitation does not  
31 apply to non-stinger-steered automobile or boat transporters  
32 that are 65 feet or less in overall length, exclusive of the  
33 load carried thereon, ~~or to stinger-steered automobile or boat~~  
34 ~~transporters that are 75 feet or less in overall length,~~  
35 exclusive of the load carried thereon, or to stinger-steered  
36 automobile transporters that are 80 feet or less in overall  
37 length, exclusive of the load carried thereon. For purposes of  
38 this subsection, a "stinger-steered automobile or boat  
39 transporter" is an automobile or boat transporter configured as  
40 a semitrailer combination wherein the fifth wheel is located on  
41 a drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the

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42 power unit. Automobile transporters operating under this  
43 subsection may backhaul cargo or general freight if the weight  
44 of such cargo or freight does not exceed the limits imposed  
45 under s. 316.535. Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (b), any  
46 straight truck or truck tractor-semitrailer combination engaged  
47 in the transportation of horticultural trees may allow the load  
48 to extend up to an additional 10 feet beyond the rear of the  
49 vehicle, provided the ~~said~~ trees are resting against a retaining  
50 bar mounted above the truck bed so that the root balls of the  
51 trees rest on the floor and to the front of the truck bed and  
52 the tops of the trees extend up over and to the rear of the  
53 truck bed, and provided the overhanging portion of the load is  
54 covered with protective fabric.

55 (a) *Straight trucks.*—A straight truck may not exceed a  
56 length of 40 feet in extreme overall dimension, exclusive of  
57 safety and energy conservation devices approved by the  
58 department for use on vehicles using public roads. A straight  
59 truck may attach a forklift to the rear of the cargo bed,  
60 provided the overall combined length of the vehicle and the  
61 forklift does not exceed 50 feet. Except as otherwise provided  
62 in this section, a straight truck may tow no more than one  
63 trailer, and the overall length of the truck-trailer combination  
64 may not exceed 68 feet, including the load thereon.  
65 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a truck-  
66 trailer combination engaged in the transportation of boats, or

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67 boat trailers whose design dictates a front-to-rear stacking  
68 method may not exceed the length limitations of this paragraph  
69 exclusive of the load; however, the load may extend up to an  
70 additional 6 feet beyond the rear of the trailer.

71 (b) *Semitrailers.*—

72 1. A semitrailer operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer  
73 combination may not exceed 48 feet in extreme overall outside  
74 dimension, measured from the front of the unit to the rear of  
75 the unit and the load carried thereon, exclusive of safety and  
76 energy conservation devices approved by the department for use  
77 on vehicles using public roads, unless it complies with  
78 subparagraph 2. A semitrailer which exceeds 48 feet in length  
79 and is used to transport divisible loads may operate in this  
80 state only if issued a permit under s. 316.550 and if such  
81 trailer meets the requirements of this chapter relating to  
82 vehicle equipment and safety. Except for highways on the tandem  
83 trailer truck highway network, public roads deemed unsafe for  
84 longer semitrailer vehicles or those roads on which such longer  
85 vehicles are determined not to be in the interest of public  
86 convenience shall, in conformance with s. 316.006, be restricted  
87 by the Department of Transportation or by the local authority to  
88 use by semitrailers not exceeding a length of 48 feet, inclusive  
89 of the load carried thereon but exclusive of safety and energy  
90 conservation devices approved by the department for use on  
91 vehicles using public roads. Truck tractor-semitrailer

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92 combinations shall be afforded reasonable access to terminals;  
93 facilities for food, fuel, repairs, and rest; and points of  
94 loading and unloading.

95 2. A semitrailer which is more than 48 feet but not more  
96 than 57 feet in extreme overall outside dimension, as measured  
97 pursuant to subparagraph 1., may operate on public roads, except  
98 roads on the State Highway System which are restricted by the  
99 Department of Transportation or other roads restricted by local  
100 authorities, if:

101 a. The distance between the kingpin or other peg that  
102 locks into the fifth wheel of a truck tractor and the center of  
103 the rear axle or rear group of axles does not exceed 41 feet,  
104 or, in the case of a semitrailer used exclusively or primarily  
105 to transport vehicles in connection with motorsports competition  
106 events, the distance does not exceed 46 feet from the kingpin to  
107 the center of the rear axles; and

108 b. It is equipped with a substantial rear-end underride  
109 protection device meeting the requirements of 49 C.F.R. s.  
110 393.86, "Rear End Protection."

111 (c) *Tandem trailer trucks.*—

112 1. Except for semitrailers and trailers of up to 28 1/2  
113 feet in length which existed on December 1, 1982, and which were  
114 actually and lawfully operating on that date, no semitrailer or  
115 trailer operating in a truck tractor-semitrailer-trailer  
116 combination may exceed a length of 28 feet in extreme overall

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117 outside dimension, measured from the front of the unit to the  
118 rear of the unit and the load carried thereon, exclusive of  
119 safety and energy conservation devices approved by the  
120 Department of Transportation for use on vehicles using public  
121 roads.

122 2. Tandem trailer trucks conforming to the weight and size  
123 limitations of this chapter and in immediate transit to or from  
124 a terminal facility as defined in this chapter may operate on  
125 the public roads of this state except for residential  
126 neighborhood streets restricted by the Department of  
127 Transportation or local jurisdictions. In addition, the  
128 Department of Transportation or local jurisdictions may restrict  
129 these vehicles from using streets and roads under their  
130 maintenance responsibility on the basis of safety and  
131 engineering analyses, provided that the restrictions are  
132 consistent with ~~the provisions of~~ this chapter. The Department  
133 of Transportation shall develop safety and engineering standards  
134 to be used by all jurisdictions when identifying public roads  
135 and streets to be restricted from tandem trailer truck  
136 operations.

137 3. Except as otherwise provided in this section, within 5  
138 miles of the Federal National Network for large trucks, tandem  
139 trailer trucks shall be afforded access to terminals; facilities  
140 for food, fuel, repairs, and rest; and points of loading and  
141 unloading.

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142 4. Notwithstanding ~~the provisions of~~ any general or  
143 special law to the contrary, all local system tandem trailer  
144 truck route review procedures must be consistent with those  
145 adopted by the Department of Transportation.

146 5. Tandem trailer trucks employed as household goods  
147 carriers and conforming to the weight and size limitations of  
148 this chapter shall be afforded access to points of loading and  
149 unloading on the public streets and roads of this state, except  
150 for streets and roads that have been restricted from use by such  
151 vehicles on the basis of safety and engineering analyses by the  
152 jurisdiction responsible for maintenance of the streets and  
153 roads.

154 (d) *Maxi-cube vehicles.*—Maxi-cube vehicles shall be  
155 allowed to operate on routes open to tandem trailer trucks under  
156 the same conditions applicable to tandem trailer trucks as  
157 specified by this section.

158 (4) LOAD EXTENSION LIMITATION.—The load upon any vehicle  
159 operated alone, or the load upon the front vehicle of a  
160 combination of vehicles, may not extend more than 3 feet beyond  
161 the front wheels of the vehicle or the front bumper of the  
162 vehicle if it is equipped with a bumper. However, the load upon  
163 any stinger-steered automobile transporter may not extend more  
164 than 4 feet beyond the front bumper of the vehicle.

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165 (a) The limitations of this subsection do not apply to  
166 bicycle racks carrying bicycles on public sector transit  
167 vehicles.

168 (b) ~~The provisions of~~ This subsection does shall not apply  
169 to a front-end loading collection vehicle, when:

170 1. The front-end loading mechanism and container or  
171 containers are in the lowered position;

172 2. The vehicle is engaged in collecting solid waste or  
173 recyclable or recovered materials;

174 3. The vehicle is being operated at speeds less than 20  
175 miles per hour with the vehicular hazard-warning lights  
176 activated; and

177 4. The extension does not exceed 8 feet 6 inches.

178 (16) TOWAWAY TRAILER TRANSPORTER COMBINATIONS.-An unladen  
179 power unit may tow two trailers or semitrailers when the  
180 combination is not used to carry property, the overall  
181 combination length does not exceed 82 feet, and the total gross  
182 weight of the combination does not exceed 26,000 pounds. The  
183 trailers or semitrailers must constitute inventory property of a  
184 manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or  
185 semitrailers.

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188 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

189 Remove line 30 and insert:



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190 video; amending s. 316.515, F.S.; revising length and load  
191 extension limitations for stinger-steered automobile  
192 transporters; authorizing automobile transporters to backhaul  
193 certain cargo or freight under certain circumstances;  
194 authorizing an unladen power unit to tow a certain combination  
195 of trailers or semitrailers under certain circumstances;  
196 amending s. 320.01, F.S.; revising the