

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

**2017 REGULAR SESSION**

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## **Senate Bill 164**

BY SENATOR BLAIR

[Introduced February 8, 2017; referred  
to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §17C-17-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, relating  
2 to traffic regulations and special load limits; changing the load limitation of a digger or  
3 derrick line truck from forty feet to forty-five feet in length; increasing from six to nine feet  
4 the distance a load may extend beyond the foremost part of the truck; and increasing from  
5 nine to eleven feet the distance a load may extend beyond the rear of the body of the  
6 truck.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

1 That §17C-17-5 of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, be amended and  
2 reenacted to read as follows:

**ARTICLE 17. SIZE, WEIGHT AND LOAD.**

**§17C-17-5. Special load limits.**

1 (a) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article limiting the length of vehicles and  
2 loads, the load upon any vehicle operated alone or the load upon the front vehicle of a combination  
3 of vehicles shall not extend more than three feet beyond the foremost part of the vehicle, and the  
4 load upon any vehicle operated alone or the load upon the rear vehicle of a combination of  
5 vehicles shall not extend more than six feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of such vehicle:  
6 *Provided*, That a digger/derrick line truck may be operated with a load of no more than ~~forty~~ forty-  
7 five feet in length, with the load extending no more than ~~six~~ nine feet beyond the foremost part of  
8 the truck and no more than ~~nine~~ eleven feet beyond the rear of the bed of the body of the truck,  
9 between sunrise and sunset except in an emergency, and the operation of the truck shall comply  
10 with the provisions of section fourteen, article fifteen of this chapter.

11 (b) The limitations as to length of vehicles and loads heretofore stated in section four of  
12 this article and subsection (a) of this section shall not apply to any load upon a pole trailer when  
13 transporting poles or pipes or structural material which cannot be dismembered: *Provided*, That  
14 no pole or pipe or other material exceeding eighty feet in length shall be so transported unless a  
15 permit has first been obtained as authorized in section eleven of this article.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to change the load limitation of a digger or derrick line truck from forty feet to forty-five feet in length; increase from six to nine feet the distance a load may extend beyond the foremost part of the truck; and increase from nine to eleven feet the distance a load may extend beyond the rear of the body of the truck.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.