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To amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 25, 2015

Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, and Mr. DONNELLY) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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A BILL

To amend title 49, United States Code, to clarify the use of a towaway trailer transportation combination, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. COMMERCIAL DELIVERY OF LIGHT- AND MEDIUM-DUTY TRAILERS.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 31111(a) of title 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (3) as paragraph (6);

(2) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3);

(3) by redesignating paragraph (4) as paragraph (2); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (3) the following:

"(4) TOWAWAY TRAILER TRANSPORTER COMBINATION.—The term 'towaway trailer transporter combination' means a combination of vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and 2 trailers or semitrailers—

"(A) with a total combined weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds; and

"(B) in which the trailers or semitrailers carry no property and constitute inventory property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or semitrailers.

"(5) TRAILER TRANSPORTER TOWING UNIT.—The term 'trailer transporter towing unit' means a power unit that is not used to carry property while operating in a towaway trailer transporter combination.".

(b) GENERAL LIMITATIONS.—Section 31111(b)(1) of such title is amended—

(1) in subparagraph (E), by striking ''or'' at the end;

(2) in subparagraph (F), by striking the period at the end and inserting ''; or''; and

(3) by adding at the end the following:

''(G) has the effect of imposing an overall length limitation of less than 82 feet on a towaway trailer transporter combination.''.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) PROPERTY-CARRYING UNIT LIMITATION.—Section 31112(a)(1) of such title is amended by inserting ''or trailers or semitrailers transported as part of a towaway trailer transporter combination (as defined in section 31111(a)'' after ''truck tractor''.

(2) ACCESS TO INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—Section 31114(a)(2) of such title is amended—

(A) by striking ''or''; and

(B) by inserting '', or any towaway trailer transporter combination (as defined in section 31111(a)) that is not longer than 82 feet'' before the period at the end.

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