



HOUSE BILL 201: Route 25/70 Vehicle Trailer Restrictions.

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Committee:	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 12, 2025
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 201 would prohibit vehicle combinations on portions of U.S. Route 25/70 in Madison County with a trailer longer than 30 feet or a total length of more than 48 feet.*

CURRENT LAW: G.S. 20-115.1 provides limitations for motor vehicle combinations consisting of truck tractors and tandem trailers or semitrailers and allows a combination of a truck tractor and semitrailer with a semitrailer up to a maximum of 53 feet in length. G.S. 20-116 allows a total maximum length of 60 feet for other vehicle combinations consisting of no more than two units.

G.S. 20-115.1 authorizes the Department of Transportation to further prohibit motor vehicle combinations on portions of any route on the State highway system if operation of the combination on the route cannot be safely accommodated.

A violation of a statutory limit or limit imposed by the Department under G.S. 20-115.1 is punishable under subsections (h) and (i) of that section as an infraction for the owner and a Class 3 misdemeanor for the driver, with a monetary penalty of \$100 if the semitrailer is less than 50 feet long and \$200 if the semitrailer is 50 feet or longer.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 201 would prohibit motor vehicle combinations from operating on designated portions of U.S. Route 25/70 in Madison County if the combination includes a trailer more than 30 feet in length or a total length in excess of 48 feet.

Violation of the restriction would be a Class 3 misdemeanor for the driver of the vehicle and an infraction for the owner of the vehicle, punishable by a monetary penalty of \$100 or \$200 if the vehicle combination includes a trailer that is 50 feet or longer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective December 1, 2025, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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