AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to extending the maximum length of vehicles

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 3 of section 385 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 173 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read as follows:

(a) The length of a single vehicle, inclusive of load and bumpers, shall be not more than forty feet unless otherwise provided in this subdivision. FOR SPECIALIZED MATERIAL DELIVERY VEHICLES, WHICH INCLUDE ARTICULATING BOOM TRUCKS AND PIGGY-BACK TRUCKS (FLAT BED TRUCKS WITH FORKLIFTS OR MOTIFS ATTACHED), THE LENGTH OF A SINGLE VEHICLE, MEASURED FROM BUMPER TO BUMPER, SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN FORTY FEET; HOWEVER, PROVIDED THAT THE OPERATOR OF THE VEHICLE IS A CDL OPERATOR, THE VEHICLE CAN HAVE AN ADDITIONAL FIVE FEET OF OVERHANG, FOR A TOTAL LENGTH OF NO MORE THAN FORTY-FIVE FEET. OVERHANG IS DEFINED AS THE PORTION OF A VEHICLE THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE REAR BUMPER OR THE PORTION OF A BOOM, FORKLIFT OR OTHER DEVICE THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE REAR BUMPER.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.