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Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- reported favorably from said committee, ordered to first and second report, ordered to a third reading, amended and ordered reprinted, retaining its place in the order of third reading

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the length of car carriers

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

- 1     Section 1. Section 105-a of the vehicle and traffic law is renumbered  
2     section 105-b and a new section 105-a is added to read as follows:  
3     S 105-A. CAR CARRIER. A TRUCK THAT IS DESIGNED TO CARRY ONE TO THREE  
4     MOTOR VEHICLES ON A FLAT PLATFORM THAT SLIDES OR TILTS TO THE GROUND TO  
5     FACILITATE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO TOW AN  
6     ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE BEHIND IT BY THE USE OF A WHEEL LIFE OR OTHER  
7     SUCH DEVICE. A CAR CARRIER THAT IS ENGAGED IN COMMERCIAL TOWING MAY ALSO  
8     BE REFERRED TO AS "TOW TRUCK" AND MUST BE REGISTERED AS A TOW TRUCK.  
9     S 2. Section 127 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter  
10    26 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:  
11    S 127. Overhang. That portion of a transported vehicle or boat which  
12    extends beyond the front or rear bumper of an automobile transporter or  
13    stinger-steered automobile transporter or boat transporter or stinger-  
14    steered boat transporter, OR THAT PORTION OF A TRANSPORTED VEHICLE THAT  
15    EXTENDS BEYOND THE REAR BUMPER OF A CAR CARRIER.  
16    S 3. Section 160 of the vehicle and traffic law is renumbered 161 and  
17    a new section 160 is added to read as follows:  
18    S 160. WHEEL LIFT. ANY DEVICE THAT MAY BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE REAR  
19    BUMPER OF A TOW TRUCK OR CAR CARRIER FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOWING ANOTHER  
20    VEHICLE. SUCH TERM MAY ALSO BE REFERRED TO AS AN "UNDER LIFT".  
21    S 4. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 3 of section 385 of the vehicle and  
22    traffic law is relettered paragraph (h) and a new paragraph (g) is added  
23    to read as follows:  
24    (G) THE LENGTH OF A TOW TRUCK OR CAR CARRIER, INCLUSIVE OF LOAD AND  
25    BUMPERS, SHALL NOT BE MORE THAN FORTY FEET, EXCEPT THAT A CAR CARRIER

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 MAY HAVE AN OVERHANG THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE REAR BUMPER OF SUCH CAR  
2 CARRIER BY NOT MORE THAN THREE FEET AND A WHEEL LIFT OR OTHER SUCH  
3 DEVICE THAT IS USED TO TOW A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED AS PART  
4 OF THE LENGTH OF A TOW TRUCK OR CAR CARRIER WHEN IT IS ENGAGED IN THE  
5 TOWING OF ANOTHER VEHICLE.  
6 S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.