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

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

Section 1. Section 105-a of the vehicle and traffic law is renumbered section 105-b and a new section 105-a is added to read as follows:

S 105-A. CAR CARRIER. A TRUCK THAT IS DESIGNED TO CARRY ONE TO THREE MOTOR VEHICLES ON A FLAT PLATFORM THAT SLIDES OR TILTS TO THE GROUND TO FACILITATE LOADING AND UNLOADING OF SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES AND TO TOW AN ADDITIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE BEHIND IT BY THE USE OF A WHEEL LIFT. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, WHENEVER SUCH CAR CARRIER TOWS OR CARRIES A DISABLED, ILLEGALLY PARKED OR ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE OR A MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT, SUCH CAR CARRIER SHALL BE DEEMED TO BE A TOW TRUCK AND SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER, AND ANY OTHER LAW, ORDINANCE, ORDER, RULE AND REGULATION, APPLICABLE TO TOW TRUCKS.

S 2. Section 127 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 26 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

S 127. Overhang. That portion of a transported vehicle or boat which extends beyond the front or rear bumper of an automobile transporter or stinger-steered automobile transporter or boat transporter or stinger-steered boat transporter, OR THAT PORTION OF A TRANSPORTED VEHICLE THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE REAR BUMPER OF A CAR CARRIER.

S 3. Section 160 of the vehicle and traffic law is renumbered 161 and a new section 160 is added to read as follows:

S 160. WHEEL LIFT. ANY DEVICE THAT MAY BE EXTENDED BEYOND THE REAR BUMPER OF A TOW TRUCK OR CAR CARRIER FOR THE PURPOSE OF TOWING ANOTHER VEHICLE. SUCH DEVICE MAY ALSO BE REFERRED TO AS AN "UNDER LIFT".

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

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S 4. Paragraph (g) of subdivision 3 of section 385 of the vehicle and traffic law is relettered paragraph (h) and a new paragraph (g) is added to read as follows:

(G) THE LENGTH OF A TOW TRUCK OR CAR CARRIER, INCLUSIVE OF LOAD AND BUMPERS, SHALL BE NOT MORE THAN FORTY FEET, EXCEPT THAT A CAR CARRIER MAY HAVE AN OVERHANG THAT EXTENDS BEYOND THE REAR BUMPER OF SUCH CAR CARRIER BY NOT MORE THAN THREE FEET AND EXCEPT, FURTHER, THAT A WHEEL LIFT THAT IS LESS THAN FIFTEEN FEET IN LENGTH SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED AS PART OF THE LENGTH OF A TOW TRUCK OR CAR CARRIER WHEN SUCH WHEEL LIFT IS IN USE BY SUCH TOW TRUCK OR CAR CARRIER TO TOW ANOTHER MOTOR VEHICLE.

S 5. This act shall take effect immediately.