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Introduced by M. of A. GANTT -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Transportation

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

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

1     Section 1. Paragraph (c) of subdivision 3 of section 385 of the vehi-  
2     cle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 493 of the laws of 2003, is  
3     amended to read as follows:  
4     (c) The length of buses having a carrying capacity of more than seven  
5     passengers shall not exceed forty-five feet, except that the length of  
6     articulated buses shall not exceed sixty-two feet AND THE LENGTH OF A  
7     BUS OPERATED PURSUANT TO OR REQUIRING A PERMIT, AS DEFINED IN SUBDIVI-  
8     SION TWENTY-ONE OF SECTION TWO OF THE TRANSPORTATION LAW, SHALL NOT  
9     EXCEED FORTY-EIGHT FEET, PROVIDED THAT SUCH BUS: (I) HAS SUCCESSFULLY  
10    COMPLETED A NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ADMINISTERED  
11    SAFETY INSPECTION; (II) HAS WALL-TO-WALL TURNING DIAMETER NOT EXCEEDING  
12    NINETY FEET THREE INCHES; AND (III) HAS PERMANENTLY AFFIXED TO ITS BODY  
13    ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE DOOR JAMB, A DATA-PLATE ON WHICH THE BUS  
14    MANUFACTURER INDICATES THE VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER AND  
15    WALL-TO-WALL TURNING DIAMETER AND ATTESTS TO THE FACT THAT THE WALL-TO-  
16    WALL TURNING DIAMETER IS CALCULATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SOCIETY OF  
17    AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS J-695 STANDARD AS SUCH STANDARD EXISTED ON JANUARY  
18    FIRST, TWO THOUSAND FIFTEEN, REGARDING TURNING CAPABILITY OR THE NEW  
19    YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION DETERMINES THAT SUCH BUS IS IN  
20    COMPLIANCE WITH THE WALL-TO-WALL TURNING DIAMETER REQUIREMENT IN THE  
21    DEPARTMENT'S SAFETY INSPECTION OF SUCH BUS. A house coach shall not  
22    exceed forty-five feet in length, provided however, that if a house  
23    coach exceeds forty feet in length, its wall-to-wall turning diameter  
24    shall not exceed ninety feet three inches and moreover, such house coach

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

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1 shall have permanently affixed to its body on the front passenger side  
2 door jamb, a data-plate on which the house coach manufacturer indicates  
3 the vehicle identification number and wall-to-wall turning diameter and  
4 attests to the fact that the wall-to-wall turning diameter is calculated  
5 in accordance with the Society of Automotive Engineers J-695 Standard as  
6 such standard existed on June first, two thousand three, regarding turn-  
7 ing capability. In the event such a house coach exceeds either twenty-  
8 six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight rating, is greater than forty  
9 feet in length or exceeds both, the operator of such house coach must  
10 have a driver's license with a personal use vehicle endorsement as set  
11 forth in subparagraph (vii) of paragraph (b) of subdivision two of  
12 section five hundred one of [the] this chapter. This provision shall not  
13 apply to any city not wholly included within one county except such  
14 house coaches and fifth wheel trailers used for non-commercial purposes  
15 may be operated on that portion of interstate ninety-five which connects  
16 interstate two hundred eighty-seven with interstate two hundred ninety-  
17 five, that portion of interstate two hundred ninety-five which connects  
18 interstate ninety-five with interstate four hundred ninety-five and that  
19 portion of interstate four hundred ninety-five between interstate nine-  
20 ty-five and the Nassau-Queens county line.

21 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.