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## IN ASSEMBLY

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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 vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 493 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

2 (c) The length of buses having a carrying capacity of more than seven  
3 passengers shall not exceed forty-five feet, except that the length of  
4 articulated buses shall not exceed sixty-two feet and the length of a  
5 bus operated pursuant to or requiring a permit, as defined in subdivi-  
6 sion twenty-one of section two of the transportation law, shall not  
7 exceed forty-eight feet, provided that such bus: (i) has successfully  
8 completed a New York state department of transportation administered  
9 safety inspection; (ii) has wall-to-wall turning diameter not exceeding  
10 ninety feet three inches; and (iii) has permanently affixed to its body  
11 on the front passenger side door jamb, a data-plate on which the bus  
12 manufacturer indicates the vehicle identification number and wall-to-  
13 wall turning diameter and attests to the fact that the wall-to-wall  
14 turning diameter is calculated in accordance with the Society of Automot-  
15 ive Engineers J-695 Standard as such standard existed on January first,  
16 two thousand seventeen, regarding turning capability or the New York  
17 state department of transportation determines that such bus is in  
18 compliance with the wall-to-wall turning diameter requirement in the  
19 department's safety inspection of such bus. A house coach shall not  
20 exceed forty-five feet in length, provided however, that if a house  
21 coach exceeds forty feet in length, its wall-to-wall turning diameter  
22 shall not exceed ninety feet three inches and moreover, such house coach  
23 shall have permanently affixed to its body on the front passenger side

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

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

20 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.