

Introduced by Senator Wolk

February 22, 2013

An act to amend Section 34500 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 728, as introduced, Wolk. Vehicles: safe operation: Department of the California Highway Patrol.

Existing law requires the Department of the California Highway Patrol to regulate the safe operation of specified vehicles, including, among others, schoolbuses and commercial motor vehicles.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 34500 of the Vehicle Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 34500. The department shall regulate the safe operation of *all*
- 4 *of* the following vehicles:
- 5 (a) Motortrucks of three or more axles that are more than 10,000
- 6 pounds gross vehicle weight rating.
- 7 (b) Truck tractors.
- 8 (c) Buses, schoolbuses, school pupil activity buses, youth buses,
- 9 farm labor vehicles, and general public paratransit vehicles.

1 (d) Trailers and semitrailers designed or used for the
2 transportation of more than 10 persons, and the towing motor
3 vehicle.

4 (e) Trailers and semitrailers, pole or pipe dollies, auxiliary
5 dollies, and logging dollies used in combination with *the* vehicles
6 listed in subdivision (a), (b), (c), or (d). This subdivision does not
7 include camp trailers, trailer coaches, and utility trailers.

8 (f) A combination of a motortruck and a vehicle or vehicles set
9 forth in subdivision (e) that exceeds 40 feet in length when coupled
10 together.

11 (g) A truck, or a combination of a truck and any other vehicle,
12 transporting hazardous materials.

13 (h) Manufactured homes that, when moved upon the highway,
14 are required to be moved pursuant to a permit as specified in
15 Section 35780 or 35790.

16 (i) A park trailer, as described in Section 18009.3 of the Health
17 and Safety Code, that, when moved upon a highway, is required
18 to be moved pursuant to a permit pursuant to Section 35780.

19 (j) Any other motortruck not specified in subdivisions (a) to
20 (h), inclusive, or subdivision (k), that is regulated by the
21 Department of Motor Vehicles, Public Utilities Commission, or
22 United States Secretary of the Department of Transportation, but
23 only for matters relating to hours of service and logbooks of
24 drivers.

25 (k) A commercial motor vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
26 rating of 26,001 or more pounds or a commercial motor vehicle
27 of any gross vehicle weight rating towing a vehicle described in
28 subdivision (e) with a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
29 10,000 pounds, except combinations including camp trailers, trailer
30 coaches, or utility trailers. For purposes of this subdivision, the
31 term “commercial motor vehicle” has the meaning defined in
32 subdivision (b) of Section 15210.