

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FIRST SESSION**

**S.F. No. 2113**

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1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to motor vehicles; amending requirements related to recreational vehicle

1.3 combinations; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2018,

1.4 sections 169.011, subdivision 62; 169.81, subdivision 3c.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.011, subdivision 62, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 62. **Recreational vehicle combination.** ~~(a)~~ "Recreational vehicle combination"

1.8 means a combination of vehicles consisting of a full-size pickup truck or a recreational

1.9 truck-tractor attached by means of a kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling to a middle vehicle

1.10 which has hitched to it a trailer.

1.11 ~~(b) For purposes of this subdivision, a "kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling" is a coupling~~

1.12 ~~between a middle vehicle and a towing full-size pickup truck or a recreational truck-tractor~~

1.13 ~~in which a portion of the weight of the towed middle vehicle is carried over or forward of~~

1.14 ~~the rear axle of the towing pickup.~~

1.15 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2018, section 169.81, subdivision 3c, is amended to read:

1.16 Subd. 3c. **Recreational vehicle combination.** (a) Notwithstanding subdivision 3, a

1.17 recreational vehicle combination may be operated without a permit if:

1.18 (1) the combination does not consist of more than three vehicles, and the towing rating

1.19 of the full-size pickup truck or recreational truck-tractor is equal to or greater than the total

1.20 weight of all vehicles being towed;

1.21 (2) the combination does not exceed ~~70~~ 65 feet in length;

2.1 (3) the operator of the combination is at least 18 years of age;

2.2 (4) the trailer is only carrying watercraft, motorcycles, motorized bicycles, off-highway  
2.3 motorcycles, snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles, motorized golf carts, or equestrian equipment  
2.4 or supplies, and meets all requirements of law;

2.5 (5) the vehicles in the combination are connected to the full-size pickup truck or  
2.6 recreational truck-tractor and each other in conformity with section 169.82; ~~and~~

2.7 (6) the full-size pickup truck or recreational truck-tractor is attached to the towed middle  
2.8 vehicle by means of (i) a kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling, or (ii) a hitch that is mounted  
2.9 directly to the frame of the towing vehicle and has a carrying capacity rating that exceeds  
2.10 the combined weight of all towed vehicles and trailers; and

2.11 (7) the combination is not operated within the seven-county metropolitan area, as defined  
2.12 in section 473.121, subdivision 2, during the hours of 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.  
2.13 to 7:00 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

2.14 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, a "kingpin and fifth-wheel coupling" is a coupling  
2.15 between a middle vehicle and a towing full-size pickup truck or a recreational truck-tractor  
2.16 in which a portion of the weight of the towed middle vehicle is carried over or forward of  
2.17 the rear axle of the towing vehicle.