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	Motor Homes	Towables	Combination		All	Motor Homes				
Alabama	45' (1)	40' (1)	65'	13' 6"	8' 8' 6" (15)	8' 8' 6" (15)	3,000	As posted	No	Yes
Alaska	45'	40' (1)	75' (1)	14'	8' 6"	8' 6"	5,000	Yes	No	Yes
Arizona	45' (1)	40' (1)	65' (1)	13' 6"	8' 8' 6" (15)	8' 8' 6" (15)	3,000 (26)	Yes (36)	Yes	Yes
Arkansas	45'	43' 6"	65'	13' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"	3,000 (26)	Yes	No	No
California	45' (1)	40' (1)	65' (1)	14'	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (16)	1,500 (26)	As posted	No	Yes (33)
Colorado	45'	Not stated or no law	70'	14' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000 (26)	As posted	No	Yes
Connecticut	45'	40'	60'	13' 6"	8' 6" (18)	8' 6" (18)	3,000 (26)	As posted	No	Yes
Delaware	45'	40'	65'	13' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"	3,000	No	No	Yes
District of Columbia	40'	Not stated or no law	55'	13' 6"	8'	Not stated or no law	3,000 (26)	No	No	Yes
Florida	45' (2)	40' (2)	65' (2)	13' 6"	8' 6" (20)	8' 6" (20)	3,000 (26)	As posted	No	Yes
Georgia	Not stated or no law	Not stated or no law	60' (3)	13' 6"	8' 8' 6" (15)	8' 8' 6" (15)	3,000	No	No	Yes (34)
Hawaii	45'	40'	65'	14'	9'	9'	3,000 (26)	No	No	Yes (35)
Idaho	45' (4)	48' (4)	75' (4)	14'	8' 6" (18)	8' 6" (18)	1,500	As posted	No	Yes

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Illinois	45' (1)	42' (1)	60' (3)	13' 6"	8' 6" (15)	8' 8' 6" (15)	3,000 (26)	No	No	Yes
Indiana	45' (3)	40'	60'/65'	13' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"	3,000 (26)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iowa	45' (5)	53'	65'/70' (1)	13' 6"	8' 6" (20)	8' 6"	3,000	As posted	Yes	Yes
Kansas	45' (1)	Not stated or no law	65' (1)	14'	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	Yes (27)	Yes	No	Yes (37)
Kentucky	45'	Not stated or no law	65' (9)	13' 6" (13)	8' 8' 6" (20)	8' 8' 6" (15) (20)	Yes (27)	No	No	Yes
Louisiana	45'	40'	70'	13' 6"	8' 8' 6"	8' 8' 6" (15)	3,000	As posted	No	Yes
Maine	45'	48'	65'	13' 6"	8' 6" (13)	8' 6" (13)	3,000	As posted	No	No
Maryland	40' (4)	40' (4)	55' (4)	13' 6"	8' 6" (24)	8' 6" (24)	3,000 (26)	As posted	No	Yes
Massachusetts	45'	40'	60'	13' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17) (25)	10,000	Yes	No	Yes
Michigan	45'	45'	65'	13' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000	As posted	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	45' (1)	45' (8)	60' (8)	13' 6"	8' 6" (20)	8' 6" (20)	3,000 (26)	As posted	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	45' (6)	40' (1)	75' (1)	13' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"	2,000 (26)	No	No	No
Missouri	45' (7)	Not stated or no law	65' (7)	14' (14)	8' 8' 6" (15)	8' 8' 6" (15)	Not stated or no law	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Montana	55'	Not stated or no law	65'	14'	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000	As posted	No	Yes
Nebraska	45' (4)	40' (4)	65'	14' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000	No	Yes	Yes
Nevada	45'	Not stated or no law	70' (3)	14'	8' 6" (20)	8' 6" (20)	3,000	Yes	No	Yes
New Hampshire	45' (1)	48' (1)	Not stated or no law	13' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6"	3,000	No	No	No
New Jersey	45' (1)	40' (1)	62' (1)	13' 6"	8' 6" (18)	8' 6" (18)	3,000	As posted	No	Yes
New Mexico	45' (6)	40' (6)	65'	14'	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000 (26)	As posted	No	Yes
New York	45' (1)	48' (1)	65' (1)	13' 6"	8' 8" 6" (15)	8' 8" 6" (15)	1,000 (30)	As posted	No	Yes
North Carolina	45' (6)	48'	60'	13' 6"	8' 8" 6" (15) (20)	8' (15) (20)	4,000 (27)	As posted	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	50' (1)	53' (1)	75' (1)	14'	8' 6"	8' 6"	Yes (28)	Yes	No	Yes
Ohio	45'	40'	65'	13' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"	2,000 (26)	No	No	Yes
Oklahoma	45'	40'	65'	13' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"	3,000	Yes	No	Yes
Oregon	45' (1)	45' (1)	65' (10)	14'	8' 6"	8' 6"	Not stated or no law	Yes (32)	No	Yes
Pennsylvania	45' (1)	Not stated or no law	85' (1)	13' 6"	8' 6" (21)	8' 8" 6" (21)	Yes (28) (31)	No	No	No

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Rhode Island	40'	Not stated or no law	60'	13' 6"	8' 6"	8' 6"	4,000	Yes	No	Yes
South Carolina	45' (4)	48'	Not stated or no law	13' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000 (26)	As posted	No	Yes
South Dakota	45'	53'	75' (11)	14'	8' 6" (3)	Not stated or no law	3,000	As posted	No	Yes
Tennessee	45'	40'	65' (3)	13' 6"	8' 6" (22)	8' 6" (22)	3,000	Yes	No	No
Texas	45' (4)	Not stated or no law	65' (4)	14'	8' 6" (20)	8' 6" (20)	4,500	As posted (34)	No	Yes
Utah	45'	40' (4)	65' (4)	14'	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	Yes (27)	As posted (32)	No	Yes
Vermont	46'	Not stated or no law	75'	13' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000	No	No	Yes
Virginia	45' (6)	45'	65' (12)	13' 6"	8' 6" (17)	8' 6" (17)	3,000	As posted	No	No
Washington	46' (3)	53' (3)	75' (3)	14'	8' 6" (23)	8' 6" (23)	3,000	Yes (33)	No	No
West Virginia	45' (1)	40'	65' (1)	13' 6"	8' 8" 6" (15) (20)	8' 8" 6" (15) (20)	3,000 (26) (29)	No	No	Yes
Wisconsin	45'	48'	65'	13' 6"	8' 6" (20)	8' 6" (20)	3,000 (26)	No	No	Yes
Wyoming	60'	45'	85'	14'	8' 6" (2)	8' 6" (2)	Yes (26)	As posted	No	Yes

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- (1) = Includes bumpers. In California, required safety devices may not extend more than 10”.
- (2) = Excludes safety devices approved by the state.
- (3) = Excludes safety and energy conservation devices.
- (4) = Includes bumpers. Excludes devices determined to be necessary for safe and efficient operation.
- (5) = Excludes bumpers and safety devices.
- (6) = Excludes bumpers.
- (7) = Includes bumpers. 65’ vehicle combinations are limited to designated roads and 5 miles there from, 55’ on all other roads.
- (8) = In a recreation vehicle combination consisting of a pickup truck and camper-trailer, boat trailer, flat bed trailer, horse trailer, etc., the trailer cannot exceed 28’ in length and the entire combination cannot exceed 60’ in length. The combination cannot be operated in the 7 county Metro area from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- (9) = Includes all structured parts.
- (10) = A combination that includes an RV that is not more than 45’ long, when operating on principal highways, may exceed the maximum length for vehicles in a combination if the combination is not more than 65’ long.
- (11) = Excludes safety and energy conservation devices, including mirrors, turn signals, lamps, and handholds. If second trailer exceeds 3,000 lbs. gross weight, it must have breakaway brakes.
- (12) = Includes coupling in the combination measurement.
- (13) = Mirrors are permitted to extend beyond the total outside width of the vehicle.
- (14) = 13’6” limit on some roads.
- (15) = 8’6” allowed on designated roads.
- (16) = Required lights, mirrors, or devices may not extend more than 10” on each side of the vehicle. Door handles and hinges may extend 3” on each side of the vehicle.
- (17) = Allows outside width to exceed 8’6” if excess is attributed to appurtenance.
- (18) = Excludes devices or appurtenances related to safe and efficient operation of vehicle. Clearance lights, door handles, window fasteners, handholds, door and window trim, molding and load securement devices, may extend up to 3” on each side of the vehicle.
- (19) = Excludes safety equipment. Permitted safety equipment to extend not more than 3” on each side of the vehicle.
- (20) = Excludes mirrors and safety devices.
- (21) = Mirrors and sunshades may extend up to 6” on each side of vehicle.

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- (22) = Excludes required clearance lights, rearview mirrors, or other accessories. Allows 8'6" RVs to leave designated roads. Excludes safety devices.
- (23) = Permits rearview mirror to extend 5". Permits safety appliances and appurtenances such as clearance lights, door latches, door hinges, and turn signal brakes to extend 4". Sunshades may not exceed 6".
- (24) = Permits safety devices such as turn signals, market lamps, steps, and handholds for entry/egress to extend 3" on each side of vehicle. Mirrors may extend more than 3" on each side of vehicle. Sunshades may not exceed 6".
- (25) = Excludes rearview mirrors, turn signal lamps, and handholds provided they do not constitute a hazard. State can also exclude other safety devices.
- (26) = Gross weight requiring brakes.
- (27) = Must be able to stop in 40' at 20 mph. In North Carolina, must be able to stop 30' at 20 mph.
- (28) = Required on all trailers.
- (29) = Brakes required if weight of trailer-vehicle exceeds 40% of tow vehicle weight.
- (30) = Brakes required on trailers over 1,000 lbs. unladen or 3,000 lbs. laden.
- (31) = Brakes required on trailers over 3,000 lbs., or if gross weight of trailer exceeds empty weight of the tow vehicle.
- (32) = 12-hour limit.
- (33) = 8-hour limit.
- (34) = 24-hour limit.
- (35) = If passenger can communicate with driver and exit can be opened from both the interior and exterior. In California, seatbelts are required in pickup campers.
- (36) = Must have free access to drive compartment.
- (37) = 14 years of age or older; 13 years of age or older in Hawaii.