

## **Nebraska Revised Statutes Chapter 60**

### **60-109. Commercial trailer, defined.**

Commercial trailer means any trailer or semitrailer which has a gross weight, including load thereon, of more than nine thousand pounds and which is designed, used, or maintained for the transportation of persons or property for hire, compensation, or profit or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property. Commercial trailer does not include cabin trailers, farm trailers, fertilizer trailers, or utility trailers.

### **60-129. Semitrailer, defined.**

Semitrailer means any trailer so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by the towing vehicle.

### **60-133. Trailer, defined.**

Trailer means any device without motive power designed for carrying persons or property and being towed by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

### **60-3,221. Towing of trailers; restrictions; section; how construed.**

(1) Except as otherwise provided in the Motor Vehicle Registration Act:

(a) A cabin trailer shall only be towed by a properly registered:

- (i) Passenger car;
- (ii) Commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;
- (iii) Farm truck;
- (iv) Local truck;
- (v) Minitruck;
- (vi) Recreational vehicle; or
- (vii) Bus;

(b) A utility trailer shall only be towed by:

- (i) A properly registered passenger car;
- (ii) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;

- (iii) A properly registered farm truck;
  - (iv) A properly registered local truck;
  - (v) A properly registered minitruck;
  - (vi) A properly registered recreational vehicle;
  - (vii) A properly registered motor vehicle which is engaged in soil and water conservation pursuant to section [60-3,149](#);
  - (viii) A properly registered well-boring apparatus;
  - (ix) A dealer-plated vehicle;
  - (x) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle; or
  - (xi) A properly registered bus;
- (c) A farm trailer shall only be towed by a properly registered:
- (i) Passenger car;
  - (ii) Commercial motor vehicle;
  - (iii) Farm truck; or
  - (iv) Minitruck;
- (d) A commercial trailer shall only be towed by:
- (i) A properly registered motor vehicle which is engaged in soil and water conservation pursuant to section [60-3,149](#);
  - (ii) A properly registered local truck;
  - (iii) A properly registered well-boring apparatus;
  - (iv) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;
  - (v) A dealer-plated vehicle;
  - (vi) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle;
  - (vii) A properly registered bus; or
  - (viii) A properly registered farm truck;
- (e) A fertilizer trailer shall only be towed by a properly registered:
- (i) Passenger car;
  - (ii) Commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;
  - (iii) Farm truck; or

- (iv) Local truck;
- (f) A pole and cable reel trailer shall only be towed by a properly registered:
  - (i) Commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle; or
  - (ii) Local truck;
- (g) A dealer-plated trailer shall only be towed by:
  - (i) A dealer-plated vehicle;
  - (ii) A properly registered passenger car;
  - (iii) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;
  - (iv) A properly registered farm truck;
  - (v) A properly registered minitruck; or
  - (vi) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle; and
- (h) Trailers registered pursuant to section [60-3,198](#) as part of an apportioned fleet shall only be towed by:
  - (i) A properly registered motor vehicle which is engaged in soil and water conservation pursuant to section [60-3,149](#);
  - (ii) A properly registered local truck;
  - (iii) A properly registered well-boring apparatus;
  - (iv) A properly registered commercial motor vehicle or apportionable vehicle;
  - (v) A dealer-plated vehicle;
  - (vi) A personal-use dealer-plated vehicle;
  - (vii) A properly registered bus; or
  - (viii) A properly registered farm truck.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be construed to waive compliance with the Nebraska Rules of the Road or Chapter 75.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit any motor vehicle or trailer from displaying dealer license plates or In Transit stickers authorized by section [60-376](#).

**60-660. Semitrailer, defined.**

Semitrailer shall mean any vehicle, with or without motive power, designed to carry persons or property and to be drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon or is carried by another vehicle.

**60-673. Trailer, defined.**

Trailer shall mean any vehicle, with or without motive power, designed for carrying persons or property and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon the towing vehicle.

**60-6,246. Trailers; brake requirements; safety chains; when required.**

(1) All commercial trailers with a carrying capacity of more than ten thousand pounds and semitrailers shall be equipped on each wheel with brakes that can be operated from the driving position of the towing vehicle.

(2) Cabin trailers and recreational trailers having a gross loaded weight of three thousand pounds or more but less than six thousand five hundred pounds shall be equipped with brakes on at least two wheels, and such trailers with a gross loaded weight of six thousand five hundred pounds or more shall be equipped with brakes on each wheel. The brakes shall be operable from the driving position of the towing vehicle. Such trailers shall also be equipped with a breakaway, surge, or impulse switch on the trailer so that the trailer brakes are activated if the trailer becomes disengaged from the towing vehicle.

(3) Cabin trailers, recreational trailers, and utility trailers, when being towed upon a highway, shall be securely connected to the towing vehicle by means of two safety chains or safety cables in addition to the hitch or other primary connecting device. Such safety chains or safety cables shall be so attached and shall be of sufficient breaking load strength so as to prevent any portion of such trailer drawbar from touching the roadway if the hitch or other primary connecting device becomes disengaged from the towing vehicle.

(4) For purposes of this section:

(a) Recreational trailer means a vehicular unit without motive power primarily designed for transporting a motorboat as defined in section [37-1204](#) or a vessel as defined in section [37-1203](#); and

(b) Utility trailer has the same meaning as in section [60-358](#).

**60-6,289. Vehicles; height; limit; height of structure; damages.**

- (1) No vehicle unladen or with load shall exceed a height of fourteen feet, six inches, except:
- (a) Combines or vehicles used in transporting combines, to be engaged in harvesting within or without the state, moving into or through the state during daylight hours when the overall height does not exceed fifteen feet, six inches;
  - (b) Livestock forage vehicles with or without load that comply with subsection (2) of section [60-6.305](#);
  - (c) Farm equipment or implements of husbandry being driven, picked up, or delivered during daylight hours by farm equipment dealers or their representatives as authorized under section [60-6.382](#) shall not exceed fifteen feet, six inches;
  - (d) Self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with a fixed load when the requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section [60-6.288](#) are met;
  - (e) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section [60-6.299](#); or
  - (f) Vehicles with a baled livestock forage load that comply with subsection (4) of section [60-6.305](#) when the overall height does not exceed fifteen feet, six inches.

(2) No person shall be required to raise, alter, construct, or reconstruct any underpass, bridge, wire, or other structure to permit the passage of any vehicle having a height, unladen or with load, in excess of twelve feet, six inches. The owners, lessees, and operators, jointly and severally, of vehicles exceeding twelve feet, six inches, in height shall assume the risk of loss to the vehicle or its load and shall be liable for any damages that result to overhead obstructions from operation of a vehicle exceeding twelve feet, six inches, in height.

**60-6,290. Vehicles; length; limit; exceptions.**

- (1)(a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of forty feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers including load, except that:
- (i) A bus or a motor home, as defined in section [71-4603](#), may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of forty-five feet;
  - (ii) A truck-tractor may exceed the forty-foot limitation;
  - (iii) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer combination, which semitrailer was actually and lawfully operating in the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed the forty-foot limitation;
  - (iv) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer combination, which semitrailer was not actually and lawfully operating in the State of Nebraska on December 1, 1982, may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of fifty-three feet including load; and

(v) A semitrailer operating in a truck-tractor single semitrailer combination, while transporting baled livestock forage, may exceed the forty-foot limitation but shall not exceed a length of fifty-nine feet six inches including load.

(b) No combination of vehicles shall exceed a length of sixty-five feet, extreme overall dimensions, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and including load, except:

(i) One truck and one trailer, loaded or unloaded, used in transporting implements of husbandry to be engaged in harvesting, while being transported into or through the state during daylight hours if the total length does not exceed seventy-five feet including load;

(ii) A truck-tractor single semitrailer combination;

(iii) A truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination, but the semitrailer trailer portion of such combination shall not exceed sixty-five feet inclusive of connective devices; and

(iv) A driveaway saddlemount vehicle transporter combination and driveaway saddlemount with fullmount vehicle transporter combination, but the total overall length shall not exceed ninety-seven feet.

(c) A truck shall be construed to be one vehicle for the purpose of determining length.

(d) A trailer shall be construed to be one vehicle for the purpose of determining length.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section shall not apply to:

(a) Extra-long vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section [60-6,292](#);

(b) Vehicles which have been issued a permit pursuant to section [60-6,299](#);

(c) The temporary moving of farm machinery during daylight hours in the normal course of farm operations;

(d) The movement of unbaled livestock forage vehicles, loaded or unloaded;

(e) The movement of public utility or other construction and maintenance material and equipment at any time;

(f) Farm equipment dealers or their representatives as authorized under section [60-6,382](#) driving, delivering, or picking up farm equipment or implements of husbandry within the county in which the dealer maintains his or her place of business, or in any adjoining county or counties, and return;

(g) The overhang of any motor vehicle being hauled upon any lawful combination of vehicles, but such overhang shall not exceed the distance from the rear axle of the hauled motor vehicle to the closest bumper thereof;

(h) The overhang of a combine to be engaged in harvesting, while being transported into or through the state driven during daylight hours by a truck-tractor semitrailer combination, but the

length of the semitrailer, including overhang, shall not exceed sixty-three feet and the maximum semitrailer length shall not exceed fifty-three feet;

(i) Any self-propelled specialized mobile equipment with a fixed load when the requirements of subdivision (2)(i) of section [60-6,288](#) are met; or

(j) One truck-tractor two trailer combination or one truck-tractor semitrailer trailer combination used in transporting equipment utilized by custom harvesters under contract to agricultural producers to harvest wheat, soybeans, or milo during the months of April through November but the length of the property-carrying units, excluding load, shall not exceed eighty-one feet six inches.

(3) The length limitations of this section shall be exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices such as rearview mirrors, turnsignal lights, marker lights, steps and handholds for entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, mudflaps and splash and spray suppressant devices, load-induced tire bulge, refrigeration units or air compressors, and other devices necessary for safe and efficient operation of commercial motor vehicles, except that no device excluded from the limitations of this section shall have by its design or use the capability to carry cargo.

#### 61-9-404 **Mirrors.**

- A motor **vehicle** must be equipped with a **mirror** that reflects to the driver a view of the highway for a distance of at least 200 feet to the rear of the motor **vehicle**.

#### 61-9-213 Lamp or flag on projecting **load**.

- (1) Whenever the **load** upon a **vehicle** extends to the rear 4 feet or more beyond the rear of the **vehicle**, the following lamps and reflectors must be displayed at the extreme rear end of the **load**, at the times specified in [61-9-201](#):
  - (a) a red lamp plainly visible from a distance of at least 500 feet to the sides and 1,000 feet to the rear and located to indicate maximum overhang; and
  - (b) a red reflector visible at night at all distances from 100 feet to 600 feet to the rear when directly in front of lawful lower beams of headlamps.
- (2) The red lights and reflectors required under this section must be in addition to the red lights required upon a **vehicle**. At any other time there must be displayed at the extreme rear end of the **load** a red flag or cloth not less than 12 inches square, marking the extremities of the **load**, at each point where a lamp or reflector would otherwise be required by this section.