

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 1473**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Cook**

February 27, 2009

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An act to amend Section 35414 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1473, as introduced, Cook. Vehicles: load length.

Existing law exempts from limitations as to length of vehicles and loads, the transportation of poles and the tools and materials incidental to the work to be performed when transported on a pole or pipe dolly or otherwise lawful semitrailer used as a pole or pipe dolly under specified circumstances.

This bill would apply this exemption to the vehicle combination when it returns to its original storage yard or point of origin.

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

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 35414 of the Vehicle Code is amended  
2 to read:  
3 35414. (a) Except where a load can be transported consistent  
4 with the limitations on vehicle and load length specified in other  
5 sections of this chapter, the limitations of this chapter as to length  
6 of vehicles do not apply when only poles, timbers, pipes, integral  
7 structural materials, or single unit component parts, including, but  
8 not limited to, missile components, aircraft assemblies, drilling

1 equipment, and tanks not exceeding 80 feet in length are being  
2 transported upon any of the following:

3 (1) Upon a pole or pipe dolly or otherwise lawful trailer used  
4 as a pole or pipe dolly in connection with a motor vehicle.

5 (2) Upon a semitrailer, except for the limitations provided in  
6 Section 35410.

7 (3) Upon a semitrailer and a pole or pipe dolly used in  
8 connection with a truck tractor to haul flexible integral structural  
9 material.

10 (b) (1) Poles and the tools and materials incidental to the work  
11 to be performed may be transported on a pole or pipe dolly or  
12 otherwise lawful semitrailer used as a pole or pipe dolly,  
13 transporting not more than three poles not exceeding 80 feet in  
14 length and when used by public utility companies or local public  
15 agencies engaged in the business of supplying electricity or  
16 telephone service, by the Department of Transportation, or by a  
17 licensed contractor in the performance of work for a utility, the  
18 department, or a local public agency, when ~~such~~ *the* transportation  
19 is between a storage yard and job location where ~~such~~ *the* tools  
20 and materials are to be used, in which event the limitations of this  
21 chapter as to length of vehicles and loads shall not apply.

22 (2) *The exemption under paragraph (1) from the limitations on*  
23 *vehicle and load length of this chapter shall apply to the return of*  
24 *the vehicle combination to its original storage yard or point of*  
25 *origin.*