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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2175

**Introduced by Assembly Members Ashburn and Firebaugh
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Bates, Briggs, Correa, Cox,
Dutra, Florez, Havice, House, Margett, Runner, and Zettel)**

February 23, 2000

An act to amend Sections 14100 and 35400 of, to amend, repeal, and add Section 12804.9 of, and to add Section 12804.15 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2175, as amended, Ashburn. Vehicles: driver's license: length limitation exemption for house cars.

(1) Under existing law, an applicant for a driver's license is required to submit to an examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination of vehicles the applicant desires to drive. A class C driver's license includes authorization to operate a house car.

This bill would provide, on and after March 1, 2001, that the authority to operate a house car over 40 feet in length, as specified, is conditioned on receiving an endorsement issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles on a class C license upon passing a written and skills examination and submitting a specified medical form.

(2) Under existing law, with specified exceptions, a 40-foot limitation is imposed on the length of vehicles that may be operated on the highways.

This bill would additionally except house cars of a length of up to 45 feet from that limitation when operating on certain highways.

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(3) This bill would prohibit any person from operating a house car, as defined, unless the person has in his or her possession a valid driver's license and a specified endorsement to permit operation of the house car. Because under other provisions of existing law, a violation of this prohibition would be an infraction, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating a new crime.

(4) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code proposed by SB 1403, to become operative only if this bill and SB 1403 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2001, each bill amends Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, and this bill is enacted last.

(5) This bill would incorporate additional changes in Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code proposed by AB 2908, to become operative only if this bill and AB 2908 are enacted and become effective on or before January 1, 2001, each bill amends Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code, and this bill is enacted last.

(6) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

(7) The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.



Vote: $\frac{2}{3}$. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~ yes.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as
2 amended by Section 4 of Chapter 722 of the Statutes of
3 1999, is amended to read:

4 12804.9. (a) (1) The examination shall include all of
5 the following:

6 (A) A test of the applicant's knowledge and
7 understanding of the provisions of this code governing
8 the operation of vehicles upon the highways.

9 (B) A test of the applicant's ability to read and
10 understand simple English used in highway traffic and
11 directional signs.

12 (C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic
13 signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,
14 and traffic control devices established by the Department
15 of Transportation.

16 (D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability
17 to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating
18 a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an
19 examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an
20 examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or
21 combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to
22 drive, except that the department may waive the driving
23 test part of the examination for any applicant who
24 submits a license issued by another state, territory, or
25 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,
26 or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department
27 verifies through an acknowledged national driver record
28 data source that there are no stops, holds, or other
29 impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may
30 request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the
31 vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the
32 applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining
33 officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable
34 to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle,



1 unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by
2 this code.

3 (E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,
4 and of other matters that may be necessary to determine
5 the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a
6 motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any
7 ground exists for refusal of a license under this code.

8 (2) The examination for a class A or class B license
9 under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a
10 medical examination of the applicant given not more
11 than two years prior to the date of the application by a
12 health care professional. As used in this subdivision,
13 "health care professional" means a person who is
14 licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with
15 applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine
16 and perform physical examinations in the United States
17 of America. Health care professionals are doctors of
18 medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and
19 advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who
20 are clinically competent to perform the medical
21 examination presently required of motor carrier drivers
22 by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall
23 be on a form approved by the department, the Federal
24 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
25 Administration. In establishing the requirements,
26 consideration may be given to the standards presently
27 required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway
28 Administration.

29 (3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the
30 opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure
31 safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a
32 license to the applicant.

33 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with
34 the following classifications, any applicant for a driver's
35 license shall be required to submit to an examination
36 appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination
37 of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:

38 (1) Class A includes the following:



1 (A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being
2 towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
3 10,000 pounds.

4 (B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.

5 (C) Any trailer bus.

6 (D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and
7 class C.

8 (2) Class B includes the following:

9 (A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
10 rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

11 (B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,
12 except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000
13 pounds.

14 (C) Any bus except a trailer bus.

15 (D) Any farm labor vehicle.

16 (E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a
17 gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds
18 towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating
19 of 10,000 pounds or less.

20 (F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class
21 C.

22 (3) Class C includes the following:

23 (A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
24 rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle
25 is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle
26 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

27 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle
28 vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when
29 towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.

30 (C) Any house car.

31 (D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or
32 less gross.

33 (E) Any house car or vehicle towing another vehicle
34 with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,
35 including when a tow dolly is used. No vehicle shall tow
36 another vehicle in violation of Section 21715.

37 (F) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds
38 or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a
39 fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds



1 gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer
2 is not for compensation.

3 (ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or
4 more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer
5 exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000
6 pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of
7 the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has
8 passed a specialized written examination provided by the
9 department relating to the knowledge of this code and
10 other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational
11 vehicles upon the highway. The authority to operate
12 combinations of vehicles under this subparagraph shall be
13 granted by endorsement on a class C license upon
14 completion of that written examination.

15 (G) Class C does not include any two-wheel
16 motorcycle or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.

17 (4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or
18 motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles
19 included in a class M1 license may be granted by
20 endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion
21 of an appropriate examination.

22 (5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any
23 bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized
24 bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a
25 motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority
26 to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted
27 by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon
28 completion of an appropriate examination. Persons
29 holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate
30 vehicles included in class M2 without further
31 examination.

32 (c) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be
33 valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as
34 defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other
35 motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of
36 subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to
37 hold any driver certificate or any driver's license
38 endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical
39 certificate approved by the department, the Federal
40 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation



1 Administration, that has been issued within two years of
2 the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the
3 licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the
4 medical examination report from which the certificate
5 was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise the
6 license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles
7 that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in
8 subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class
9 M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial
10 vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.

11 (d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the
12 enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section
13 15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of
14 vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that
15 enactment until the license or certificate expires or is
16 otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.

17 (e) The department may accept a certificate of
18 driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by
19 the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,
20 of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B
21 applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class
22 C license and has met the other examination
23 requirements for the license for which he or she is
24 applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence
25 of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of
26 equipment covered by the license for which he or she is
27 applying.

28 (f) The department may accept a certificate of
29 competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
30 applications, when the certificate is issued by a law
31 enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1
32 or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the
33 other examination requirements for the license for which
34 he or she is applying.

35 (g) The department may accept a certificate of
36 satisfactory completion of a novice motorcyclist training
37 program approved by the commissioner pursuant to
38 Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
39 applications, if the applicant has met the other
40 examination requirements for the license for which he or



1 she is applying. The department shall review and approve
2 the written and driving test used by a program to
3 determine whether the program may issue a certificate
4 of completion.

5 (h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person
6 holding a valid California driver's license of any class may
7 operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without
8 taking any special examination for the operation of a
9 motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2
10 endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,
11 "short-term" means 48 hours or less.

12 (i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued
13 a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she
14 provides evidence satisfactory to the department of
15 completion of a motorcycle safety training program that
16 is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with
17 Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.

18 (j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class
19 C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical
20 examination required for a class B license when operating
21 vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the
22 vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool
23 vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that
24 he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,
25 drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five
26 years.

27 (k) A class M license issued between January 1, 1989,
28 and December 31, 1992, shall permit the holder to operate
29 any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle
30 until the expiration of the license.

31 (l) This section shall become operative on January 1,
32 2001.

33 (m) This section shall remain in effect only until
34 March 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later
35 enacted statute, that is enacted before March 1, 2001,
36 deletes or extends that date.

37 SEC. 1.5. Section 12804.9 is added to the Vehicle
38 Code, to read:

39 12804.9. (a) (1) The examination shall include all of
40 the following:



1 (A) A test of the applicant's knowledge and
2 understanding of the provisions of this code governing
3 the operation of vehicles upon the highways.

4 (B) A test of the applicant's ability to read and
5 understand simple English used in highway traffic and
6 directional signs.

7 (C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic
8 signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,
9 and traffic control devices established by the Department
10 of Transportation.

11 (D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability
12 to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating
13 a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an
14 examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an
15 examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or
16 combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to
17 drive, except that the department may waive the driving
18 test part of the examination for any applicant who
19 submits a license issued by another state, territory, or
20 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,
21 or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department
22 verifies through an acknowledged national driver record
23 data source that there are no stops, holds, or other
24 impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may
25 request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the
26 vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the
27 applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining
28 officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable
29 to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle,
30 unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by
31 this code.

32 (E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,
33 and of other matters that may be necessary to determine
34 the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a
35 motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any
36 ground exists for refusal of a license under this code.

37 (2) The examination for a class A or class B license
38 under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a
39 medical examination of the applicant given not more
40 than two years prior to the date of the application by a



1 health care professional. As used in this subdivision,
2 “health care professional” means a person who is
3 licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with
4 applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine
5 and perform physical examinations in the United States
6 of America. Health care professionals are doctors of
7 medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and
8 advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who
9 are clinically competent to perform the medical
10 examination presently required of motor carrier drivers
11 by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall
12 be on a form approved by the department, the Federal
13 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
14 Administration. In establishing the requirements,
15 consideration may be given to the standards presently
16 required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway
17 Administration.

18 (3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the
19 opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure
20 safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a
21 license to the applicant.

22 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with
23 the following classifications, any applicant for a driver’s
24 license shall be required to submit to an examination
25 appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination
26 of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:

27 (1) Class A includes the following:

28 (A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being
29 towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
30 10,000 pounds.

31 (B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.

32 (C) Any trailer bus.

33 (D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and
34 class C.

35 (2) Class B includes the following:

36 (A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
37 rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

38 (B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,
39 except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000
40 pounds.



- 1 (C) Any bus except a trailer bus.
- 2 (D) Any farm labor vehicle.
- 3 (E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a
- 4 gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds
- 5 towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating
- 6 of 10,000 pounds or less.
- 7 (F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class
- 8 C.
- 9 (3) Class C includes the following:
- 10 (A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
- 11 rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle
- 12 is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle
- 13 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.
- 14 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle
- 15 vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when
- 16 towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.
- 17 (C) Any house car of 40 feet in length or less.
- 18 (D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or
- 19 less gross.
- 20 (E) Any house car or vehicle towing another vehicle
- 21 with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,
- 22 including when a tow dolly is used. No vehicle shall tow
- 23 another vehicle in violation of Section 21715.
- 24 (F) Any house car over 40 feet in length, excluding
- 25 safety devices and safety bumpers, if the applicant has
- 26 passed a specialized written examination and
- 27 demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and
- 28 reasonable control in operating that vehicle by driving it
- 29 under the supervision of an examining officer and is
- 30 issued an endorsement by the department.
- 31 (G) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds
- 32 or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a
- 33 fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds
- 34 gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer
- 35 is not for compensation.
- 36 (ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or
- 37 more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer
- 38 exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000
- 39 pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of
- 40 the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has



1 passed a specialized written examination provided by the
2 department relating to the knowledge of this code and
3 other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational
4 vehicles upon the highway. The authority to operate
5 combinations of vehicles under this subparagraph shall be
6 granted by endorsement on a class C license upon
7 completion of that written examination.

8 (H) Class C does not include any two-wheel
9 motorcycle or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.

10 (4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or
11 motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles
12 included in a class M1 license may be granted by
13 endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion
14 of an appropriate examination.

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16 bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized
17 bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a
18 motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority
19 to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted
20 by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon
21 completion of an appropriate examination. Persons
22 holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate
23 vehicles included in class M2 without further
24 examination.

25 (c) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be
26 valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as
27 defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other
28 motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of
29 subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to
30 hold any driver certificate or any driver's license
31 endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical
32 certificate approved by the department, the Federal
33 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
34 Administration, that has been issued within two years of
35 the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the
36 licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the
37 medical examination report from which the certificate
38 was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise the
39 license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles
40 that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in



1 subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class
2 M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial
3 vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.

4 (d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the
5 enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section
6 15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of
7 vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that
8 enactment until the license or certificate expires or is
9 otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.

10 (e) The department may accept a certificate of
11 driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by
12 the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,
13 of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B
14 applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class
15 C license and has met the other examination
16 requirements for the license for which he or she is
17 applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence
18 of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of
19 equipment covered by the license for which he or she is
20 applying.

21 (f) The department may accept a certificate of
22 competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
23 applications, when the certificate is issued by a law
24 enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1
25 or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the
26 other examination requirements for the license for which
27 he or she is applying.

28 (g) The department may accept a certificate of
29 satisfactory completion of a novice motorcyclist training
30 program approved by the commissioner pursuant to
31 Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
32 applications, if the applicant has met the other
33 examination requirements for the license for which he or
34 she is applying. The department shall review and approve
35 the written and driving test used by a program to
36 determine whether the program may issue a certificate
37 of completion.

38 (h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person
39 holding a valid California driver's license of any class may
40 operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without



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3 endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,
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10 Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.

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12 C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical
13 examination required for a class B license when operating
14 vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the
15 vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool
16 vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that
17 he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,
18 drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five
19 years.

20 (k) This section shall become operative on March 1,
21 2001.

22 *SEC. 1.7. Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as*
23 *amended by Section 3 of Chapter 722 of the Statutes of*
24 *1999, is amended to read:*

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34 signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,
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40 examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an



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34 advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who
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19 (D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and
20 class C.

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23 rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

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25 except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000
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34 C.

35 (3) Class C includes the following:

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37 rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle
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2 vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when
3 towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.

4 (C) Any housecar.

5 (D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or
6 less gross.

7 (E) Any housecar or vehicle towing another vehicle
8 with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,
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12 or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a
13 fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds
14 gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer
15 is not for compensation.

16 (ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or
17 more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer
18 exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000
19 pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of
20 the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has
21 passed a specialized written examination provided by the
22 department relating to the knowledge of this code and
23 other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational
24 vehicles upon the highway.

25 The authority to operate combinations of vehicles
26 under this subparagraph shall be granted by
27 endorsement on a class C license upon completion of that
28 written examination.

29 (G) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a
30 gross combination weight rating or a gross vehicle weight
31 rating, as those terms are defined in subdivisions (g) and
32 (h), respectively, of Section 15210, of 26,000 pounds or
33 less, if all of the following conditions are met:

34 (i) Is operated by a farmer, an employee of a farmer,
35 or an instructor credentialed in agriculture as part of an
36 instructional program in agriculture at the high school,
37 community college, or university level.

38 (ii) Is used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural
39 operations.



1 (iii) Is not used in the capacity of a for-hire carrier or
2 for compensation.

3 (H) Any ~~combination of vehicles~~ *motor vehicle over*
4 *4,000 pounds unladen when towing a boat trailer* with a
5 gross combination weight rating, as defined in subdivision
6 (g) of Section 15210, of 26,000 pounds or less when towing
7 a boat trailer under the following conditions:

8 (i) The combination of vehicles is used to transport a
9 boat for recreational purposes or to and from a place of
10 repair.

11 (ii) The combination of vehicles is not used in the
12 operations of a common or contract carrier or in the
13 course of any business endeavor.

14 (iii) The towing of the trailer is not for compensation.

15 (iv) The combination of vehicles and its load are not
16 of a size that requires a permit pursuant to Section 35780.

17 (I) Class C does not include any two-wheel motorcycle
18 or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.

19 (4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or
20 motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles
21 included in a class M1 license may be granted by
22 endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion
23 of an appropriate examination.

24 (5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any
25 bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized
26 bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a
27 motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority
28 to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted
29 by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon
30 completion of an appropriate examination. Persons
31 holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate
32 vehicles included in class M2 without further
33 examination.

34 (c) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be
35 valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as
36 defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other
37 motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of
38 subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to
39 hold any driver certificate or any driver's license
40 endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical



1 certificate approved by the department, the Federal
2 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
3 Administration, that has been issued within two years of
4 the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the
5 licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the
6 medical examination report from which the certificate
7 was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise, the
8 license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles
9 that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in
10 subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class
11 M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial
12 vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.

13 (d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the
14 enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section
15 15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of
16 vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that
17 enactment until the license or certificate expires or is
18 otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.

19 (e) The department may accept a certificate of
20 driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by
21 the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,
22 of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B
23 applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class
24 C license and has met the other examination
25 requirements for the license for which he or she is
26 applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence
27 of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of
28 equipment covered by the license for which he or she is
29 applying.

30 (f) The department may accept a certificate of
31 competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
32 applications, when the certificate is issued by a law
33 enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1
34 or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the
35 other examination requirements for the license for which
36 he or she is applying.

37 (g) The department may accept a certificate of
38 satisfactory completion of a novice motorcyclist training
39 program approved by the commissioner pursuant to
40 Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2



1 applications, if the applicant has met the other
2 examination requirements for the license for which he or
3 she is applying. The department shall review and approve
4 the written and driving test used by a program to
5 determine whether the program may issue a certificate
6 of completion.

7 (h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person
8 holding a valid California driver's license of any class may
9 operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without
10 taking any special examination for the operation of a
11 motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2
12 endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,
13 "short-term" means 48 hours or less.

14 (i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued
15 a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she
16 provides evidence satisfactory to the department of
17 completion of a motorcycle safety training program that
18 is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with
19 Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.

20 (j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class
21 C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical
22 examination required for a class B license when operating
23 vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the
24 vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool
25 vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that
26 he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,
27 drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five
28 years.

29 (k) A class M license issued between January 1, 1989,
30 and December 31, 1992, shall permit the holder to operate
31 any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle
32 until the expiration of the license.

33 (l) This section shall remain in effect only until
34 ~~January~~ March 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed,
35 unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before
36 ~~January~~ March 1, 2001, deletes or extends that date.

37 *SEC. 1.8. Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as*
38 *amended by Section 3 of Chapter 722 of the Statutes of*
39 *1999, is amended to read:*



1 12804.9. (a) (1) The examination shall include all of
2 the following:

3 (A) A test of the applicant's knowledge and
4 understanding of the provisions of this code governing
5 the operation of vehicles upon the highways.

6 (B) A test of the applicant's ability to read and
7 understand simple English used in highway traffic and
8 directional signs.

9 (C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic
10 signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,
11 and traffic control devices established by the Department
12 of Transportation.

13 (D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability
14 to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating
15 a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an
16 examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an
17 examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or
18 combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to
19 drive, except that the department may waive the driving
20 test part of the examination for any applicant who
21 submits a license issued by another state, territory, or
22 possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,
23 or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department
24 verifies through ~~any~~ *an* acknowledged national driver
25 record data source that there are no stops, holds, or other
26 impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may
27 request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the
28 vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the
29 applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining
30 officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable
31 to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle,
32 unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by
33 this code.

34 (E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,
35 and of other matters that may be necessary to determine
36 the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a
37 motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any
38 ~~grounds exist~~ *ground exists* for refusal of a license under
39 this code.



1 (2) The examination for a class A or class B license
2 under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a
3 medical examination of the applicant given not more
4 than two years prior to the date of the application by a
5 health care professional. As used in this subdivision,
6 “health care professional” means a person who is
7 licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with
8 applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine
9 and perform physical examinations in the United States
10 of America. Health care professionals are doctors of
11 medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and
12 advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who
13 are clinically competent to perform the medical
14 examination presently required of motor carrier drivers
15 by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall
16 be on a form approved by the department, the Federal
17 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
18 Administration. In establishing the requirements,
19 consideration may be given to the standards presently
20 required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway
21 Administration.

22 (3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the
23 opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure
24 safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a
25 license to the applicant.

26 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with
27 the following classifications, any applicant for a driver’s
28 license shall be required to submit to an examination
29 appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination
30 of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:

31 (1) Class A includes the following:

32 (A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being
33 towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
34 10,000 pounds.

35 (B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.

36 (C) Any trailer bus.

37 (D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and
38 class C.

39 (2) Class B includes the following:



1 (A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
2 rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

3 (B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,
4 except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000
5 pounds.

6 (C) Any bus except a trailer bus.

7 (D) Any farm labor vehicle.

8 (E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a
9 gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds
10 towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating
11 of 10,000 pounds or less.

12 (F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class
13 C.

14 (3) Class C includes the following:

15 (A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
16 rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle
17 is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle
18 weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.

19 (B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle
20 vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when
21 towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.

22 (C) Any ~~housecar~~ *house car of 40 feet in length or less.*

23 (D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or
24 less gross.

25 (E) Any ~~housecar~~ *house car* or vehicle towing another
26 vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000
27 pounds or less, including when a tow dolly is used. No
28 vehicle shall tow another vehicle in violation of Section
29 21715.

30 (F) *Any house car over 40 feet in length, excluding*
31 *safety devices and safety bumpers, if the applicant has*
32 *passed a specialized written examination and*
33 *demonstrated the ability to exercise ordinary and*
34 *reasonable control in operating that vehicle by driving it*
35 *under the supervision of an examining officer and is*
36 *issued an endorsement by the department. Upon*
37 *application for an endorsement to operate this vehicle,*
38 *and every two years thereafter, the applicant shall submit*
39 *medical information on a form approved by the*
40 *department.*



1 (G) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds
2 or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a
3 fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds
4 gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer
5 is not for compensation.

6 (ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or
7 more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer
8 exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000
9 pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of
10 the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has
11 passed a specialized written examination provided by the
12 department relating to the knowledge of this code and
13 other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational
14 vehicles upon the highway.

15 The authority to operate combinations of vehicles
16 under this subparagraph shall be granted by
17 endorsement on a class C license upon completion of that
18 written examination.

19 ~~(G)~~

20 (H) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles with a
21 gross combination weight rating or a gross vehicle weight
22 rating, as those terms are defined in subdivisions (g) and
23 (h), respectively, of Section 15210, of 26,000 pounds or
24 less, if all of the following conditions are met:

25 (i) Is operated by a farmer, an employee of a farmer,
26 or an instructor credentialed in agriculture as part of an
27 instructional program in agriculture at the high school,
28 community college, or university level.

29 (ii) Is used exclusively in the conduct of agricultural
30 operations.

31 (iii) Is not used in the capacity of a for-hire carrier or
32 for compensation.

33 ~~(H)~~

34 (I) Any ~~combination of vehicles~~ motor vehicle over
35 4,000 pounds unladen when towing a boat trailer with a
36 gross combination weight rating, as defined in subdivision
37 (g) of Section 15210, of 26,000 pounds or less when towing
38 a boat trailer under the following conditions:



1 (i) The combination of vehicles is used to transport a
2 boat for recreational purposes or to and from a place of
3 repair.

4 (ii) The combination of vehicles is not used in the
5 operations of a common or contract carrier or in the
6 course of any business endeavor.

7 (iii) The towing of the trailer is not for compensation.

8 (iv) The combination of vehicles and its load are not
9 of a size that requires a permit pursuant to Section 35780.

10 ~~(F)~~

11 (J) Class C does not include any two-wheel motorcycle
12 or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.

13 (4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or
14 motor-driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles
15 included in a class M1 license may be granted by
16 endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion
17 of an appropriate examination.

18 (5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any
19 bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized
20 bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a
21 motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority
22 to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted
23 by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon
24 completion of an appropriate examination. Persons
25 holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate
26 vehicles included in class M2 without further
27 examination.

28 (c) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be
29 valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as
30 defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other
31 motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of
32 subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to
33 hold any driver certificate or any driver's license
34 endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical
35 certificate approved by the department, the Federal
36 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
37 Administration, that has been issued within two years of
38 the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the
39 licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the
40 medical examination report from which the certificate



1 was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise, the
2 license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles
3 that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in
4 subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class
5 M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial
6 vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.

7 (d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the
8 enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section
9 15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of
10 vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that
11 enactment until the license or certificate expires or is
12 otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.

13 (e) The department may accept a certificate of
14 driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by
15 the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,
16 of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B
17 applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class
18 C license and has met the other examination
19 requirements for the license for which he or she is
20 applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence
21 of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of
22 equipment covered by the license for which he or she is
23 applying.

24 (f) The department may accept a certificate of
25 competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
26 applications, when the certificate is issued by a law
27 enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1
28 or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the
29 other examination requirements for the license for which
30 he or she is applying.

31 (g) The department may accept a certificate of
32 satisfactory completion of a novice motorcyclist training
33 program approved by the commissioner pursuant to
34 Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2
35 applications, if the applicant has met the other
36 examination requirements for the license for which he or
37 she is applying. The department shall review and approve
38 the written and driving test used by a program to
39 determine whether the program may issue a certificate
40 of completion.



1 (h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person
2 holding a valid California driver's license of any class may
3 operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without
4 taking any special examination for the operation of a
5 motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2
6 endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,
7 "short-term" means 48 hours or less.

8 (i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued
9 a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she
10 provides evidence satisfactory to the department of
11 completion of a motorcycle safety training program that
12 is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with
13 Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.

14 (j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class
15 C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical
16 examination required for a class B license when operating
17 vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the
18 vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool
19 vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that
20 he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,
21 drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five
22 years.

23 ~~(k) A class M license issued between January 1, 1989,~~
24 ~~and December 31, 1992, shall permit the holder to operate~~
25 ~~any motoreycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicyele~~
26 ~~until the expiration of the license.~~

27 ~~(l) This section shall remain in effect only until~~
28 ~~January 1, 2001, and as of that date is repealed, unless a~~
29 ~~later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1,~~
30 ~~2001, deletes or extends that date.~~

31 ~~(k) This section shall become operative on March 1,~~
32 ~~2001.~~

33 *SEC. 1.9. Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as*
34 *amended by Section 4 of Chapter 722 of the Statutes of*
35 *1999, is repealed.*

36 ~~12804.9. (a) (1) The examination shall include all of~~
37 ~~the following:~~

38 ~~(A) A test of the applicant's knowledge and~~
39 ~~understanding of the provisions of this code governing~~
40 ~~the operation of vehicles upon the highways.~~



1 ~~(B) A test of the applicant's ability to read and~~
2 ~~understand simple English used in highway traffic and~~
3 ~~directional signs.~~

4 ~~(C) A test of the applicant's understanding of traffic~~
5 ~~signs and signals, including the bikeway signs, markers,~~
6 ~~and traffic control devices established by the Department~~
7 ~~of Transportation.~~

8 ~~(D) An actual demonstration of the applicant's ability~~
9 ~~to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in operating~~
10 ~~a motor vehicle by driving it under the supervision of an~~
11 ~~examining officer. The applicant shall submit to an~~
12 ~~examination appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or~~
13 ~~combination of vehicles he or she desires a license to~~
14 ~~drive, except that the department may waive the driving~~
15 ~~test part of the examination for any applicant who~~
16 ~~submits a license issued by another state, territory, or~~
17 ~~possession of the United States, the District of Columbia,~~
18 ~~or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico if the department~~
19 ~~verifies through an acknowledged national driver record~~
20 ~~data source that there are no stops, holds, or other~~
21 ~~impediments to its issuance. The examining officer may~~
22 ~~request to see evidence of financial responsibility for the~~
23 ~~vehicle prior to supervising the demonstration of the~~
24 ~~applicant's ability to operate the vehicle. The examining~~
25 ~~officer may refuse to examine an applicant who is unable~~
26 ~~to provide proof of financial responsibility for the vehicle,~~
27 ~~unless proof of financial responsibility is not required by~~
28 ~~this code.~~

29 ~~(E) A test of the hearing and eyesight of the applicant,~~
30 ~~and of other matters that may be necessary to determine~~
31 ~~the applicant's mental and physical fitness to operate a~~
32 ~~motor vehicle upon the highways, and whether any~~
33 ~~ground exists for refusal of a license under this code.~~

34 ~~(2) The examination for a class A or class B license~~
35 ~~under subdivision (b) shall also include a report of a~~
36 ~~medical examination of the applicant given not more~~
37 ~~than two years prior to the date of the application by a~~
38 ~~health care professional. As used in this subdivision,~~
39 ~~"health care professional" means a person who is~~
40 ~~licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with~~



1 applicable state laws and regulations to practice medicine
2 and perform physical examinations in the United States
3 of America. Health care professionals are doctors of
4 medicine, doctors of osteopathy, physician assistants, and
5 advanced practice nurses, or doctors of chiropractic who
6 are clinically competent to perform the medical
7 examination presently required of motor carrier drivers
8 by the Federal Highway Administration. The report shall
9 be on a form approved by the department, the Federal
10 Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation
11 Administration. In establishing the requirements,
12 consideration may be given to the standards presently
13 required of motor carrier drivers by the Federal Highway
14 Administration.

15 (3) Any physical defect of the applicant, which, in the
16 opinion of the department, is compensated for to ensure
17 safe driving ability, shall not prevent the issuance of a
18 license to the applicant.

19 (b) Beginning on January 1, 1989, in accordance with
20 the following classifications, any applicant for a driver's
21 license shall be required to submit to an examination
22 appropriate to the type of motor vehicle or combination
23 of vehicles the applicant desires a license to drive:

24 (1) Class A includes the following:

25 (A) Any combination of vehicles, if any vehicle being
26 towed has a gross vehicle weight rating of more than
27 10,000 pounds.

28 (B) Any vehicle towing more than one vehicle.

29 (C) Any trailer bus.

30 (D) The operation of all vehicles under class B and
31 class C.

32 (2) Class B includes the following:

33 (A) Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight
34 rating of more than 26,000 pounds.

35 (B) Any single vehicle with three or more axles,
36 except any three-axle vehicle weighing less than 6,000
37 pounds.

38 (C) Any bus except a trailer bus.

39 (D) Any farm labor vehicle.



1 ~~(E) Any single vehicle with three or more axles or a~~
2 ~~gross vehicle weight rating of more than 26,000 pounds~~
3 ~~towing another vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating~~
4 ~~of 10,000 pounds or less.~~

5 ~~(F) The operation of all vehicles covered under class~~
6 ~~C.~~

7 ~~(3) Class C includes the following:~~

8 ~~(A) Any two-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight~~
9 ~~rating of 26,000 pounds or less, including when the vehicle~~
10 ~~is towing a trailer or semitrailer with a gross vehicle~~
11 ~~weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less.~~

12 ~~(B) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), any two-axle~~
13 ~~vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or more unladen when~~
14 ~~towing a trailer coach not exceeding 9,000 pounds gross.~~

15 ~~(C) Any housecar.~~

16 ~~(D) Any three-axle vehicle weighing 6,000 pounds or~~
17 ~~less gross.~~

18 ~~(E) Any housecar or vehicle towing another vehicle~~
19 ~~with a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less,~~
20 ~~including when a tow dolly is used. No vehicle shall tow~~
21 ~~another vehicle in violation of Section 21715.~~

22 ~~(F) (i) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds~~
23 ~~or more unladen when towing either a trailer coach or a~~
24 ~~fifth-wheel travel trailer not exceeding 10,000 pounds~~
25 ~~gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of the trailer~~
26 ~~is not for compensation.~~

27 ~~(ii) Any two-axle vehicle weighing 4,000 pounds or~~
28 ~~more unladen when towing a fifth-wheel travel trailer~~
29 ~~exceeding 10,000 pounds, but not exceeding 15,000~~
30 ~~pounds, gross vehicle weight rating, when the towing of~~
31 ~~the trailer is not for compensation, and if the person has~~
32 ~~passed a specialized written examination provided by the~~
33 ~~department relating to the knowledge of this code and~~
34 ~~other safety aspects governing the towing of recreational~~
35 ~~vehicles upon the highway. The authority to operate~~
36 ~~combinations of vehicles under this subparagraph shall be~~
37 ~~granted by endorsement on a class C license upon~~
38 ~~completion of that written examination.~~

39 ~~(G) Class C does not include any two-wheel~~
40 ~~motorcycle or any two-wheel motor-driven cycle.~~



1 ~~(4) Class M1. Any two-wheel motorcycle or~~
2 ~~motor driven cycle. Authority to operate vehicles~~
3 ~~included in a class M1 license may be granted by~~
4 ~~endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon completion~~
5 ~~of an appropriate examination.~~

6 ~~(5) Class M2. Any motorized bicycle or moped, or any~~
7 ~~bicycle with an attached motor, except a motorized~~
8 ~~bicycle described in subdivision (b) of Section 406 and a~~
9 ~~motorized scooter described in Section 407.5. Authority~~
10 ~~to operate vehicles included in class M2 may be granted~~
11 ~~by endorsement on a class A, B, or C license upon~~
12 ~~completion of an appropriate examination. Persons~~
13 ~~holding a class M1 license or endorsement may operate~~
14 ~~vehicles included in class M2 without further~~
15 ~~examination.~~

16 ~~(c) No driver's license or driver certificate shall be~~
17 ~~valid for operating any commercial motor vehicle, as~~
18 ~~defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210, any other~~
19 ~~motor vehicle defined in paragraph (1) or (2) of~~
20 ~~subdivision (b), or any other vehicle requiring a driver to~~
21 ~~hold any driver certificate or any driver's license~~
22 ~~endorsement under Section 15275, unless a medical~~
23 ~~certificate approved by the department, the Federal~~
24 ~~Highway Administration, or the Federal Aviation~~
25 ~~Administration, that has been issued within two years of~~
26 ~~the date of the operation of that vehicle, is within the~~
27 ~~licensee's immediate possession, and a copy of the~~
28 ~~medical examination report from which the certificate~~
29 ~~was issued is on file with the department. Otherwise the~~
30 ~~license shall be valid only for operating class C vehicles~~
31 ~~that are not commercial vehicles, as defined in~~
32 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 15210, and for operating class~~
33 ~~M1 or M2 vehicles, if so endorsed, that are not commercial~~
34 ~~vehicles, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 15210.~~

35 ~~(d) A license or driver certificate issued prior to the~~
36 ~~enactment of Chapter 7 (commencing with Section~~
37 ~~15200) shall be valid to operate the class or type of~~
38 ~~vehicles specified under the law in existence prior to that~~
39 ~~enactment until the license or certificate expires or is~~
40 ~~otherwise suspended, revoked, or canceled.~~



1 ~~(e) The department may accept a certificate of~~
2 ~~driving skill that is issued by an employer, authorized by~~
3 ~~the department to issue a certificate under Section 15250,~~
4 ~~of the applicant, in lieu of a driving test, on class A or B~~
5 ~~applications, if the applicant has first qualified for a class~~
6 ~~C license and has met the other examination~~
7 ~~requirements for the license for which he or she is~~
8 ~~applying. The certificate may be submitted as evidence~~
9 ~~of the applicant's skill in the operation of the types of~~
10 ~~equipment covered by the license for which he or she is~~
11 ~~applying.~~

12 ~~(f) The department may accept a certificate of~~
13 ~~competence in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
14 ~~applications, when the certificate is issued by a law~~
15 ~~enforcement agency for its officers who operate class M1~~
16 ~~or M2 vehicles in their duties, if the applicant has met the~~
17 ~~other examination requirements for the license for which~~
18 ~~he or she is applying.~~

19 ~~(g) The department may accept a certificate of~~
20 ~~satisfactory completion of a novice motorecyclist training~~
21 ~~program approved by the commissioner pursuant to~~
22 ~~Section 2932 in lieu of a driving test on class M1 or M2~~
23 ~~applications, if the applicant has met the other~~
24 ~~examination requirements for the license for which he or~~
25 ~~she is applying. The department shall review and approve~~
26 ~~the written and driving test used by a program to~~
27 ~~determine whether the program may issue a certificate~~
28 ~~of completion.~~

29 ~~(h) Notwithstanding subdivision (b), any person~~
30 ~~holding a valid California driver's license of any class may~~
31 ~~operate a short-term rental motorized bicycle without~~
32 ~~taking any special examination for the operation of a~~
33 ~~motorized bicycle, and without having a class M2~~
34 ~~endorsement on that license. As used in this paragraph,~~
35 ~~“short-term” means 48 hours or less.~~

36 ~~(i) No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued~~
37 ~~a class M1 or M2 license or endorsement unless he or she~~
38 ~~provides evidence satisfactory to the department of~~
39 ~~completion of a motorcycle safety training program that~~



1 is operated pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with
2 Section 2930) of Chapter 5 of Division 2.

3 (j) Drivers of vanpool vehicles may operate with class
4 C licenses but shall possess evidence of a medical
5 examination required for a class B license when operating
6 vanpool vehicles. In order to be eligible to drive the
7 vanpool vehicle, the driver shall keep in the vanpool
8 vehicle a statement, signed under penalty of perjury, that
9 he or she has not been convicted of reckless driving,
10 drunk driving, or a hit-and-run offense in the last five
11 years.

12 (k) A class M license issued between January 1, 1989,
13 and December 31, 1992, shall permit the holder to operate
14 any motorcycle, motor-driven cycle, or motorized bicycle
15 until the expiration of the license.

16 (l) This section shall become operative on January 1,
17 2001.

18 SEC. 2. Section 12804.15 is added to the Vehicle Code,
19 to read:

20 12804.15. (a) ~~For~~ *Notwithstanding Section 362, for*
21 purposes of this section “house car” means a vehicle
22 described in subparagraph (F) of paragraph (3) of
23 subdivision (b) of Section 12804.9.

24 (b) No person may operate a house car unless that
25 person has in his or her possession a valid driver’s license
26 of the appropriate class and an endorsement thereto
27 issued by the department to permit operation of the
28 house car.

29 (c) An endorsement to drive a house car may be issued
30 only if the applicant meets both of the following
31 conditions:

32 (1) The applicant successfully completes an
33 examination prescribed by the department to determine
34 qualification for the endorsement.

35 (2) Upon initial application and every two years
36 thereafter, the applicant submits medical information on
37 a form approved by the department to verify that the
38 person meets the minimum medical requirements
39 established by the department for operation of a house
40 car.



1 (d) The department may deny, suspend, or revoke an
2 endorsement to drive a house car when the applicant
3 does not meet any requirement for the issuance or
4 retention of the endorsement.

5 (e) This section shall become operative on March 1,
6 2001.

7 SEC. 3. Section 14100 of the Vehicle Code is amended
8 to read:

9 14100. (a) Whenever the department has given
10 notice, or has taken or proposes to take action under
11 Section 12804.15, 13353, 13353.2, 13950, 13951, 13952, or
12 13953, the person receiving the notice or subject to the
13 action may, within 10 days, demand a hearing which shall
14 be granted, except as provided in Section 14101.

15 (b) An application for a hearing does not stay the
16 action by the department for which the notice is given.

17 (c) The fact that a person has the right to request an
18 administrative hearing within 10 days after receipt of the
19 notice of the order of suspension under this section and
20 Section 16070, and that the request is required to be made
21 within 10 days in order to receive a determination prior
22 to the effective date of the suspension shall be made
23 prominent on the notice.

24 (d) The department shall make available notices, to
25 accompany the notice provided pursuant to this section,
26 that provide the information required pursuant to
27 subdivision (c) in all non-English languages spoken by a
28 substantial number of the public served by the
29 department, and shall distribute the notices as it
30 determines is appropriate.

31 (e) The department shall implement the provisions of
32 subdivisions (c) and (d) as soon as practicable, but not
33 later than January 1, 1994.

34 SEC. 4. Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code is amended
35 to read:

36 35400. (a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of 40 feet.

37 (b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

38 (1) A vehicle used in a combination of vehicles when
39 the excess length is caused by auxiliary parts, equipment,
40 or machinery not used as space to carry any part of the



1 load, except that the combination of vehicles shall not
2 exceed the length provided for combination vehicles.

3 (2) A vehicle when the excess length is caused by any
4 parts necessary to comply with the fender and mudguard
5 regulations of this code.

6 (3) (A) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
7 that does not exceed a length of 60 feet.

8 (B) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
9 described in subparagraph (A) may be equipped with a
10 folding device attached to the front of the bus or trolley
11 if the device is designed and used exclusively for
12 transporting bicycles. The device, including any bicycles
13 transported thereon, shall be mounted in a manner that
14 does not materially affect efficiency or visibility of vehicle
15 safety equipment, and shall not extend more than 30
16 inches from the front of the bus or trolley coach when
17 fully deployed. The handlebars of a bicycle that is
18 transported on a device described in this subparagraph
19 shall not extend more than 42 inches from the front of the
20 bus.

21 (4) A semitrailer while being towed by a motortruck
22 or truck tractor, if the distance from the kingpin to the
23 rearmost axle of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet
24 for semitrailers having two or more axles, or 38 feet for
25 semitrailers having one axle if the semitrailer does not,
26 exclusive of attachments, extend forward of the rear of
27 the cab of the motortruck or truck tractor.

28 (5) A bus or house car when the excess length is caused
29 by the projection of a front safety bumper or a rear safety
30 bumper, or both. The safety bumper shall not cause the
31 length of the vehicle to exceed the maximum legal limit
32 by more than one foot in the front and one foot in the rear.
33 For the purposes of this chapter, "safety bumper" means
34 any device that is fitted on an existing bumper or which
35 replaces the bumper and is constructed, treated, or
36 manufactured to absorb energy upon impact.

37 (6) A bus when the excess length is caused by a device,
38 located in front of the front axle, for lifting wheelchairs
39 into the bus. That device shall not cause the length of the



1 bus to be extended by more than 18 inches, inclusive of
2 any front safety bumper.

3 (7) A bus when the excess length is caused by a device
4 attached to the rear of the bus designed and used
5 exclusively for the transporting of bicycles. This device
6 may be up to 10 feet in length, if the device, along with
7 any other device permitted pursuant to this section, does
8 not cause the total length of the bus, including any device
9 or load, to exceed 50 feet.

10 (8) A bus operated by a public agency or a passenger
11 stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public
12 Utilities Code, used in transit system service, other than
13 a schoolbus, when the excess length is caused by a folding
14 device attached to the front of the bus which is designed
15 and used exclusively for transporting bicycles. The
16 device, including any bicycles transported thereon, shall
17 be mounted in a manner that does not materially affect
18 efficiency or visibility of vehicle safety equipment, and
19 shall not extend more than 36 inches from the front of the
20 bus when fully deployed. The handlebars of a bicycle that
21 is transported on a device described in this paragraph
22 shall not extend more than 42 inches from the front of the
23 bus. A device described in this paragraph may not be used
24 on any bus which, exclusive of the device, exceeds 40 feet
25 in length or on any bus having a device attached to the
26 rear of the bus pursuant to paragraph (7).

27 (9) A bus of a length of up to 45 feet when operating
28 on those highways specified in subdivision (a) of Section
29 35401.5. The Department of Transportation or local
30 authorities, with respect to highways under their
31 respective jurisdictions, shall not deny reasonable access
32 to a bus of a length of up to 45 feet between the highways
33 specified in subdivision (a) of Section 35401.5 and points
34 of loading and unloading for motor carriers of passengers
35 as required by the federal Intermodal Surface
36 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-240).

37 (10) (A) A house car of a length of up to 45 feet when
38 operating on the National System of Interstate and
39 Defense Highways or when using those portions of
40 federal aid primary system highways that have been



1 qualified by the United States Secretary of
2 Transportation for that use, or when using routes
3 appropriately identified by the Department of
4 Transportation or local authorities, with respect to
5 highways under their respective jurisdictions.

6 (B) A house car described in subparagraph (A) may
7 also use highways not specified in subparagraph (A) that
8 provide reasonable access to facilities for purposes limited
9 to fuel, food, and lodging when that access is consistent
10 with the safe operation of the vehicle and when the
11 facility is within one road mile of identified points of
12 ingress and egress to or from highways specified in
13 subparagraph (A) for use by that vehicle.

14 (C) As used in this paragraph and paragraph (9),
15 “reasonable access” means access substantially similar to
16 that authorized for combinations of vehicles pursuant to
17 subdivision (c) of Section 35401.5.

18 (D) Any access route established by a local authority
19 pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 is open for
20 access by a house car of a length of up to 45 feet. In
21 addition, local authorities may establish a process
22 whereby access to services by house cars of a length of up
23 to 45 feet may be applied for upon a route not previously
24 established as an access route. The denial of a request for
25 access to services shall be only on the basis of safety and
26 an engineering analysis of the proposed access route. In
27 lieu of processing an access application, local authorities,
28 with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may
29 provide signing, mapping, or a listing of highways, as
30 necessary, to indicate the use of these specific routes by
31 a house car of a length of up to 45 feet.

32 (c) The Legislature, by increasing the maximum
33 permissible kingpin to rearmost axle distance to 40 feet
34 effective January 1, 1987, as provided in paragraph (4) of
35 subdivision (b), does not intend this action to be
36 considered a precedent for any future increases in truck
37 size and length limitations.

38 (d) Any transit bus equipped with a folding device
39 installed on or after January 1, 1999, that is permitted
40 under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision



1 (b) or under paragraph (8) of subdivision (b) shall be
2 additionally equipped with any of the following:

3 (1) An indicator light that is visible to the driver and
4 is activated whenever the folding device is in an extended
5 position.

6 (2) Any other device or mechanism that provides
7 notice to the driver that the folding device is in an
8 extended position.

9 (3) A mechanism that causes the folding device to
10 retract automatically from an extended position.

11 (e) (1) No person shall improperly or unsafely mount
12 a bicycle on a device described in subparagraph (B) of
13 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), or in paragraph (8) of
14 subdivision (b).

15 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 23114
16 or subdivision (a) of Section 24002 or any other provision
17 of law, when a bicycle is improperly or unsafely loaded by
18 a passenger onto a transit bus, the passenger, and not the
19 driver, is liable for any violation of this code that is
20 attributable to the improper or unlawful loading of the
21 bicycle.

22 ~~SEC. 5.—~~

23 *SEC. 4.5. Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code is*
24 *amended to read:*

25 35400. (a) No vehicle shall exceed a length of 40 feet.

26 (b) This section does not apply to any of the following:

27 (1) A vehicle used in a combination of vehicles when
28 the excess length is caused by auxiliary parts, equipment,
29 or machinery not used as space to carry any part of the
30 load, except that the combination of vehicles shall not
31 exceed the length provided for combination vehicles.

32 (2) A vehicle when the excess length is caused by any
33 parts necessary to comply with the fender and mudguard
34 regulations of this code.

35 (3) (A) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
36 that does not exceed a length of 60 feet.

37 (B) An articulated bus or articulated trolley coach
38 described in subparagraph (A) may be equipped with a
39 folding device attached to the front of the bus or trolley
40 if the device is designed and used exclusively for



1 transporting bicycles. The device, including any bicycles
2 transported thereon, shall be mounted in a manner that
3 does not materially affect efficiency or visibility of vehicle
4 safety equipment, and shall not extend more than ~~30~~ 36
5 inches from the front *body* of the bus or trolley coach
6 when fully deployed. The handlebars of a bicycle that is
7 transported on a device described in this subparagraph
8 shall not extend more than 42 inches from the front of the
9 bus.

10 (4) A semitrailer while being towed by a motortruck
11 or truck tractor, if the distance from the kingpin to the
12 rearmost axle of the semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet
13 for semitrailers having two or more axles, or 38 feet for
14 semitrailers having one axle if the semitrailer does not,
15 exclusive of attachments, extend forward of the rear of
16 the cab of the motortruck or truck tractor.

17 (5) A bus *or house car* when the excess length is caused
18 by the projection of a front safety bumper or a rear safety
19 bumper, or both. The safety bumper shall not cause the
20 length of the vehicle to exceed the maximum legal limit
21 by more than one foot in the front and one foot in the rear.
22 For the purposes of this chapter, “safety bumper” means
23 any device ~~which~~ *that* is fitted on an existing bumper or
24 which replaces the bumper and is constructed, treated, or
25 manufactured to absorb energy upon impact.

26 (6) A bus when the excess length is caused by a device,
27 located in front of the front axle, for lifting wheelchairs
28 into the bus. That device shall not cause the length of the
29 bus to be extended by more than 18 inches, inclusive of
30 any front safety bumper.

31 (7) A bus when the excess length is caused by a device
32 attached to the rear of the bus designed and used
33 exclusively for the transporting of bicycles. This device
34 may be up to 10 feet in length, if the device, along with
35 any other device permitted pursuant to this section, does
36 not cause the total length of the bus, including any device
37 or load, to exceed 50 feet.

38 (8) A bus operated by a public agency or a passenger
39 stage corporation, as defined in Section 226 of the Public
40 Utilities Code, used in transit system service, other than



1 a schoolbus, when the excess length is caused by a folding
2 device attached to the front *body* of the bus which is
3 designed and used exclusively for transporting bicycles.
4 The device, including any bicycles transported thereon,
5 shall be mounted in a manner that does not materially
6 affect efficiency or visibility of vehicle safety equipment,
7 and shall not extend more than 36 inches from the front
8 of the bus when fully deployed. The handlebars of a
9 bicycle that is transported on a device described in this
10 paragraph shall not extend more than 42 inches from the
11 front of the bus. A device described in this paragraph may
12 not be used on any bus which, exclusive of the device,
13 exceeds 40 feet in length or on any bus having a device
14 attached to the rear of the bus pursuant to paragraph (7).

15 (9) A bus of a length of up to 45 feet when operating
16 on those highways specified in subdivision (a) of Section
17 35401.5. The Department of Transportation or local
18 authorities, with respect to highways under their
19 respective jurisdictions, shall not deny reasonable access
20 to a bus of a length of up to 45 feet between the highways
21 specified in subdivision (a) of Section 35401.5 and points
22 of loading and unloading for motor carriers of passengers
23 as required by the federal Intermodal Surface
24 Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (P.L. 102-240).

25 ~~As~~

26 (10) (A) *A house car of a length of up to 45 feet when*
27 *operating on the National System of Interstate and*
28 *Defense Highways or when using those portions of*
29 *federal aid primary system highways that have been*
30 *qualified by the United States Secretary of*
31 *Transportation for that use, or when using routes*
32 *appropriately identified by the Department of*
33 *Transportation or local authorities, with respect to*
34 *highways under their respective jurisdictions.*

35 (B) *A house car described in subparagraph (A) may*
36 *also use highways not specified in subparagraph (A) that*
37 *provide reasonable access to facilities for purposes limited*
38 *to fuel, food, and lodging when that access is consistent*
39 *with the safe operation of the vehicle and when the*
40 *facility is within one road mile of identified points of*



1 *ingress and egress to or from highways specified in*
2 *subparagraph (A) for use by that vehicle.*

3 (C) As used in this paragraph and paragraph (9),
4 “reasonable access” means access substantially similar to
5 that authorized for combinations of vehicles pursuant to
6 subdivision (c) of Section 35401.5 ~~and access authorized~~
7 ~~through a process substantially similar to that authorized~~
8 ~~for combinations of vehicles.~~

9 (D) Any access route established by a local authority
10 pursuant to subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 is open for
11 access by a house car of a length of up to 45 feet. In
12 addition, local authorities may establish a process
13 whereby access to services by house cars of a length of up
14 to 45 feet may be applied for upon a route not previously
15 established as an access route. The denial of a request for
16 access to services shall be only on the basis of safety and
17 an engineering analysis of the proposed access route. In
18 lieu of processing an access application, local authorities,
19 with respect to highways under their jurisdiction, may
20 provide signing, mapping, or a listing of highways, as
21 necessary, to indicate the use of these specific routes by
22 a house car of a length of up to 45 feet.

23 (c) The Legislature, by increasing the maximum
24 permissible kingpin to rearmost axle distance to 40 feet
25 effective January 1, 1987, as provided in paragraph (4) of
26 subdivision (b), does not intend this action to be
27 considered a precedent for any future increases in truck
28 size and length limitations.

29 (d) Any transit bus equipped with a folding device
30 installed on or after January 1, 1999, that is permitted
31 under subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision
32 (b) or under paragraph (8) of subdivision (b) shall be
33 additionally equipped with any of the following:

34 (1) An indicator light that is visible to the driver and
35 is activated whenever the folding device is in an extended
36 position.

37 (2) Any other device or mechanism that provides
38 notice to the driver that the folding device is in an
39 extended position.



1 (3) A mechanism that causes the folding device to
2 retract automatically from an extended position.

3 (e) (1) No person shall improperly or unsafely mount
4 a bicycle on a device described in subparagraph (B) of
5 paragraph (3) of subdivision (b), or in paragraph (8) of
6 subdivision (b).

7 (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (a) of Section 23114
8 or subdivision (a) of Section 24002 or any other provision
9 of law, when a bicycle is improperly or unsafely loaded by
10 a passenger onto a transit bus, the passenger, and not the
11 driver, is liable for any violation of this code that is
12 attributable to the improper or unlawful loading of the
13 bicycle.

14 SEC. 5. Sections 1.7, 1.8, and 1.9 of this bill incorporate
15 amendments to Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code
16 proposed by both this bill and SB 1403. Sections 1.7, 1.8,
17 and 1.9 of this bill shall only become operative if (1) both
18 bills are enacted and become effective on or before
19 January 1, 2001, but this bill becomes operative first, (2)
20 each bill amends Section 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, and
21 (3) this bill is enacted after SB 1403, in which case Section
22 12804.9 of the Vehicle Code, as amended by Section 1 of
23 this bill, shall remain operative only until the operative
24 date of SB 1403, at which time both Section 1.7 and
25 Section 1.9 of this bill shall become operative, and, on
26 March 1, 2001, Section 1.8 shall become operative and
27 Section 1.5 shall not become operative.

28 *SEC. 6. Section 4.5 of this bill incorporates*
29 *amendments to Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code*
30 *proposed by both this bill and AB 2908. It shall only*
31 *become operative if (1) both bills are enacted and*
32 *become effective on or before January 1, 2001, but this bill*
33 *becomes operative first, (2) each bill amends Section*
34 *35400 of the Vehicle Code, and (3) this bill is enacted after*
35 *AB 2908, in which case Section 35400 of the Vehicle Code,*
36 *as amended by Section 4 of this bill, shall remain operative*
37 *only until the operative date of AB 2908, at which time*
38 *Section 4.5 of this bill shall become operative.*

39 *SEC. 7. No reimbursement is required by this act*
40 *pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California*



1 *Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred*
2 *by a local agency or school district will be incurred*
3 *because this act creates a new crime or infraction,*
4 *eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty*
5 *for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section*
6 *17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition*
7 *of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article*
8 *XIII B of the California Constitution.*

9 SEC. 8. This act is an urgency statute necessary for
10 the immediate preservation of the public peace, health,
11 or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the
12 Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts
13 constituting the necessity are:

14 In order to allow house cars of up to 45 feet to be
15 operated on certain highways in accordance with the
16 provisions of this act at the earliest possible time, it is
17 necessary that this act take effect immediately.

