

**CHAPTER 17**

**(Senate Bill 44)**

AN ACT concerning

**Commercial Vehicles - Ban on Hazardous Material Hauling for Combination Trailers - Repeal**

FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against transporting certain hazardous materials on certain tractor-trailer combination vehicles.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 24-104.2(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 24-104.2(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - Transportation**

24-104.2.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title and subject to subsections (b), (c), and (d) of this section, a person may operate a semitrailer (single) in combination with a truck tractor that exceeds 48 feet in length up to a length not to exceed 53 feet.

(c) A vehicle combination operating under this section may operate in this State only under the following conditions:

(1) The wheelbase of the semitrailer, measured as the distance from the kingpin to the center of the rear tandem axles, may not exceed 41 feet in length.

(2) The kingpin setback, measured as the distance from the kingpin to the front of the semitrailer, may not exceed 4 feet in length.

(3) The rear overhang, measured as the distance from the center of the rear tandem axles to the rear of the semitrailer, may not exceed 35 percent of the wheelbase of the semitrailer.

(4) (i) The width of the semitrailer shall be at least 96 inches and not more than 102 inches.