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5/2/2023 House Read second time ([House Journal‑page 25](h:\hj\20230502.docx))

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5/3/2023 House Read third time and sent to Senate ([House Journal‑page 22](h:\hj\20230503.docx))

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2/22/2024 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment **Transportation** ([Senate Journal‑page 7](h:\sj\20240222.docx))

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2/29/2024 Senate Read second time ([Senate Journal‑page 26](h:\sj\20240229.docx))

2/29/2024 Senate Roll call Ayes-44 Nays-0 ([Senate Journal‑page 26](h:\sj\20240229.docx))

2/29/2024 Senate Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day ([Senate Journal‑page 26](h:\sj\20240229.docx))

3/1/2024 Senate Read third time and returned to House with amendments ([Senate Journal‑page 1](h:\sj\20240301.docx))

3/20/2024 House Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled ([House Journal‑page 73](h:\hj\20240320.docx))

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(R144, H3355)

AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56‑5‑4072 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH VEHICLE OPERATORS UTILIZING FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLIES MAY TOW AN ADDITIONAL TRAILING VEHICLE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

Towing

SECTION 1. Article 33, Chapter 5, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 56‑5‑4072. The operator of a vehicle utilizing a fifth wheel assembly may tow one additional trailing vehicle, provided that:

(1) the operator has been issued a classified driver’s license by the department;

(2) the operation is for private, recreational purposes only;

(3) the combined length of all three vehicles does not exceed sixty-five feet, inclusive of front and rear bumpers and load;

(4) the weight of the final trailer with its load does not exceed three thousand pounds;

(5) the towing truck is equipped with a functioning video system that enables the operator to monitor the final trailer as it is being towed; and

(6) in addition to the drawbar, tongue, trailer hitch, or other primary connection, the final trailer is attached by a safety chain, safety cable, or equivalent safety device. Both the primary connection and the safety device must be of sufficient strength to retain the connection between the fifth wheel assembly and the final trailer under all conditions while the final trailer is being towed.

Time effective

SECTION 2. This act takes effect sixty days after approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 8th day of May, 2024.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

Approved the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2024.

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