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Overview

This bill allows increased gross vehicle weight for six-axle vehicles carrying livestock if they have an annual permit, and allows horse trailers as the third vehicle in a three-vehicle recreational vehicle combination.

Section

- Recreational vehicle combinations defined. Amends the definition of "recreational vehicle combinations" (pickup truck pulling camper-semitrailer and recreational trailer) to allow combinations in which the second vehicle is any kind of trailer and the third vehicle carries equestrian equipment or supplies or a horse-drawn vehicle.
- **Recreational vehicle combinations regulated.** Amends the law regulating operating of recreational vehicle combinations to change a reference to the second vehicle as a camper-semitrailer to a reference to a middle vehicle.
- Weight limits for vehicles hauling livestock. Allows vehicles with six or more axles to have gross vehicle weight up to 88,000 pounds while hauling livestock on non-Interstate trunk highways. Requires a permit under section 0.
- 4 **Permit.** Allows issuance of an annual permit for operation of vehicle with six or more axles with gross vehicle weight up to 88,000 hauling livestock on non-Interstate trunk highways. Sets an annual permit fee of \$200.