

1 HB205
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3 By Representative McClammy
4 RFD: Public Safety
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8 SYNOPSIS: Existing law prohibits the operation of
9 motor buses which exceed 40 feet in length on any
10 highway in this state.

11 This bill would allow the operation of motor
12 buses which do not exceed 45 feet in length on any
13 highway in this state.

14 This bill would also provide that it would
15 be lawful to operate an articulated motor bus which
16 does not exceed 60 feet in length and eight and
17 one-half feet in width on any highway in this
18 state.

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20 A BILL
21 TO BE ENTITLED
22 AN ACT
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24 To amend Section 32-9-21 of the Code of Alabama
25 1975, relating to the maximum permissible length and width of
26 motor buses which may be operated on any highway in this
27 state; to allow motor buses which do not exceed 45 feet in

1 length to be operated upon any highway in this state; and to
2 allow articulated motor buses which do not exceed 60 feet in
3 length and eight and one-half feet in width to be operated on
4 any highway in this state.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

6 Section 1. Section 32-9-21 of the Code of Alabama
7 1975, is amended to read as follows:

8 "§32-9-21.

9 "(a) The term "motor bus," wherever used in this
10 section, means any motor-propelled vehicle used on the
11 highways of this state for the transportation of passengers
12 for hire.

13 "(b) ~~It~~ Except as provided in subsection (c), it
14 shall be lawful to drive or operate upon any highway in this
15 state any motor bus which ~~shall~~ does not exceed ~~40~~ 45 feet in
16 length, and eight and one-half feet in width, ~~but~~ exclusive of
17 detachable wind deflection devices which have been approved by
18 the State Department of Transportation, and safety equipment.

19 "(c) It shall be lawful to drive or operate on any
20 highway in this state an articulated motor bus which does not
21 exceed 60 feet in length and eight and one-half feet in width,
22 exclusive of detachable wind deflection devices which have
23 been approved by the State Department of Transportation and
24 safety equipment.

25 "~~(c)~~ (d) Nothing contained in this section shall be
26 construed to change in any way any law affecting the

1 regulation of any motor bus except with respect to the maximum
2 permissible length and width thereof."

3 Section 2. This act shall become effective on the
4 first day of the third month following its passage and
5 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.