

1 SB331  
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3 By Senator Ross  
4 RFD: Commerce, Transportation, and Utilities  
5 First Read: 02-FEB-10

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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.