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Alabama Ala.Code 1975 § 32-9-20	45' Motorhome	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	N/F	N/F	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle".
Alaska Code title. 17, § 25.012	45' Vehicle	N/F	N/F	75	N/F	Alaska length regulations for "trailers" only address commercial, cargo-carrying towed vehicles.
Arizona A.R.S. § 28-1095 § 33-2102. Definitions	45' RV*	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	65'	3	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". Three-unit RV combinations permitted if all of the following are met: (a) middle unit is fifth-wheel equipped with brakes and has a weight equal to or greater than rear unit; (b) rear units over 3,000 pounds gross weight must be equipped with brakes; (c) total combined gross weight of towed units does not exceed manufacturer's stated gross vehicle weight of towing unit. RV definition includes all types of RVs (TT, FT, TC, and MH). *RV means motorhome only for length exception. Includes front and rear bumpers.

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Arkansas A.C.A. § 27-35-208	N/F	N/F	N/F	N/F	3	40' for trucks. 45' for buses Excludes safety devices provided by federal regulations.
California Ann.Cal.Vehicle Code § 35400 § 35401 § 35403  CA Department of Motor Vehicles <a href="#">V C Section 242 Camp Trailer</a> Cal. Veh. Code § 324  California Ann.Cal.Vehicle Code § 35400.6 (a) (2) (A) or (B)  The law takes effect on January 1, 2014	45'* House Car	40' Vehicle	48'	65'	N/F	All types of RVs except truck campers come under some of the provisions of the CA car franchise law; but all types of RVs including TCs are governed by RV-specific franchise provisions.  Includes front and rear bumpers.  Required safety devices may not extend more than 10" beyond permissible vehicle length or combination length.  *Excludes energy absorbing front and rear bumpers up to one foot in front and rear.  In addition to the overall 5 <sup>th</sup> wheel length: the kingpin to rear axle length of the fifth-wheel trailer must be 40 feet or less for a fifth wheel with two or more axles, or, if there is only one axle, the kingpin to axle length may not exceed 38 feet.
Colorado C.R.S.A. § 42-4-504	45' Motor Vehicle	N/F	N/F	70'	4	Includes front and rear bumpers.

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Connecticut C.G.S.A. § 14-262  Sec. 19a-2a-29. Family campgrounds	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	65'	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". Exclusive of safety and energy conservation devices.
Delaware 21 Del.C. § 4502	45' RV	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	65'	N/F	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle".
Florida West's F.S.A. § 316.515	45' Motorhome 50' Private motor coach	N/F	N/F	65'	2	Excludes bumpers and safety devices.  Private motor coach is built on a self-propelled bus-type chassis having no fewer than 3 load-bearing axles.
Georgia Ga. Code Ann., § 32-6-24	N/F	N/F	N/F	N/F	N/F	Length limits only provided for commercial vehicles.
Hawaii HRS § 291-34	45' Motor Vehicle	N/F	N/F	65'*	2	* Restricted to 60' on non-interstate highways and non-federal aid highways.
Idaho I.C. § 49-1010	45' Motor Vehicle	48' Trailer	48' Trailer	75'*	3	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. Excludes devices determined to be necessary for safe and efficient operation of motor vehicle. *Excludes trailer tongue from calculation.

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Illinois 625 ILCS 5/15-107	45' Motorhome	42' Vehicle	42' Vehicle	60'	3	<p>"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions.</p> <p>"Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle".</p> <p>Towed vehicles may be only for the use of the operator of the towing vehicle.</p> <p>All vehicles must be properly equipped with operating brakes and safety equipment required by Code.</p> <p>Three-vehicle RV combinations permitted if middle unit is a fifth-wheel trailer equipped with brakes regardless of weight. Rear unit must be the lightest and be a trailer designed for transporting a boat, all-terrain vehicle, personal watercraft or motorcycle.</p> <p>Excludes safety and energy conservation devices like rear view mirrors and energy-absorbing bumpers.</p>
Indiana IC 9-20-9-2 IC 9-20-3-4	45' RV	45' RV	45' RV	65'	3	<p>"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions.</p> <p>"Trailer" is not separately defined from "RV".</p> <p>Excludes devices related to safe and efficient operation of vehicle.</p>

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Iowa I.C.A. § 321.457 I.C.A. § 321.1	45' Motorhome*	40' Travel Trailer	40'	65'***	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. *Excludes front and rear bumpers and safety equipment.  ***Includes front and rear bumpers.
Kansas K.S.A. 8-1904	45' Motor Vehicle	N/S	N/S	65'	N/S	Excludes front and rear bumpers.
Kentucky KRS § 189.222 603 Ky. Admin. Regs. 5:070	45' Motor Vehicle	N/S	N/S	65'	2	Includes any part of the body.  Excludes safety devices.
Louisiana LSA-R.S. 32:382	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	65'*  70'***	3  3	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". *Three-vehicle combinations permitted on designated roads only and the tow vehicle can have no more than two axles. 3-vehicles shall have reasonable access to food, repair, fuel and rest. **Three-vehicle combinations permitted if towed by a sportsmen coach or vehicle obviously used solely for recreational purposes.
Maine 29-A M.R.S.A. § 2390	45' Vehicle	45' Trailer	45' Trailer	65'	N/S	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. 45' for trucks

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Maryland MD Code, Transportation, § 24-104.1; § 11-170	45' Class M motorhomes	40' Travel Trailer	40' Travel Trailer	55'	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". But they are defined in the Transportation code. Includes front and rear bumpers. Excludes non-load bearing safety and energy conservation devices such as marker lamps, steps and handholds for entry and egress.
Massachusetts M.G.L.A. 90 § 19	45' Auto Home	40' House Trailer	40' House Trailer	65'	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. Includes front and rear bumpers. Excludes non-load holding safety devices.
Michigan M.C.L.A. 257.719 M.C.L.A. 257.721	45' Motorhome	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	65'	3	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". Three-vehicle combinations permitted with pickup, fifth-wheel trailer and one other trailer. Third vehicle shall be attached with safety chains. Excludes safety and energy conservation devices including bumpers, rear view mirrors, turn signal lamps, marker lamps, steps and hand holds for entry and egress, flexible fender extensions, mud flaps, or splash and spray suppressant devices and load induced tire bulge.

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Minnesota M.S.A. § 169.81	45' Motorhome	45' Trailer	45' Trailer	75'  70'	2  3	<p>“Fifth wheel trailer” is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. Three-vehicle RV combinations permitted if middle unit is a fifth-wheel trailer under 28'. Pickup must have tow rating equal or greater than weight of towed vehicles. Operator is 18 years or older.</p> <p>Includes front and rear bumpers on motorhomes.</p>
Mississippi Miss. Code Ann. § 63-5-19	45' Motorhome	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	N/F	3	<p>“Fifth wheel trailer” is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. “Trailer” is not separately defined from “Vehicle”. Vehicle includes front and rear bumpers. Motorhome is exclusive of front and rear bumpers.</p>
Missouri V.A.M.S. 304.170	45' RV	45' RV	45' RV	65'*	N/S	<p>“Fifth wheel trailer” is not separately defined from “RV”.</p> <p>* Restricted to 55' on non-interstate and non-federal aid highways. Excludes front and rear energy absorbing safety bumpers.</p>

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Montana MCA 61-10-104	55' Self-propelled Motor Vehicle	N/S	N/S	65'  75'	2  3	Passenger vehicles less than 2,000 pounds "manufacturer rated capacity" may tow one trailer or semi-trailer. Rear unit of three-vehicle combinations must be equipped with breakaway brakes. Includes front and rear bumpers.
Nebraska Neb.Rev.St. § 60-6,290	45' Motorhome	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	65'	N/S	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". Includes front and rear bumpers. Excludes safety and energy conservation devices such as mirrors, turn signal lamps, marker lamps, steps and handholds for entry/egress, flexible fender extensions, mud flaps, splash and spray suppressant devices and loan-induced tire bulge.
Nevada N.R.S. 484.739	N/F	N/F	N/F	70'	N/S	40' for trucks. Excludes lights and other warning devices.
New Hampshire N.H. Rev. Stat. § 266:11	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	N/F	N/S	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". Includes front and rear bumpers.

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New Jersey N.J.S.A. 39:3-84	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	62'	2	<p>"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions.</p> <p>"Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle".</p> <p>Includes front and rear bumpers.</p> <p>Excludes safety and energy conservation devices necessary for safe and efficient operation. No excluded device shall be designed or used to carry cargo.</p>
New Mexico N. M. S. A. 1978, § 66-7-404	45' Motorhome	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	65'	3	<p>"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions.</p> <p>"Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle".</p> <p>Three-vehicle combinations permitted if middle unit is equipped with brakes and has a weight equal to or greater than the last unit and the total combined gross weight of the towed units does not exceed manufacturer's stated gross weight of the towing unit.</p> <p>Excludes front and rear bumpers. Excludes safety and energy conservation devices.</p>

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New York McKinney's Vehicle and Traffic Law § 385	45' House Coach*	45' Trailer House Coach*	45' Trailer House Coach*	65'	N/F	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. Includes front and rear bumpers. *House coach's >40': wall-to-wall turning diameter shall not exceed 90' 3" and have affixed on front passenger side door jamb, a data-plate on which manufacturer indicates VIN and wall-to-wall turning diameter and attests that turning diameter is calculated in accordance with SAE J-695 as existed on June 1, 2003, regarding turning capability.
North Carolina N.C.G.S.A. § 20-116	45' RV	45' RV	45' RV	60 <sup>*</sup>	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined from "RV". * By Senate Bill 100 effective December 1, 2009 RV maximum allowable comb. length changed from 55' to 60' (20-116 (e)). Excludes front and rear bumpers.
North Dakota NDCC, 39-12-04	50' Vehicle	50' Vehicle	50' Vehicle	75' 110 <sup>*</sup>	2, 3, 4 2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". On all 4-lane divided highways.  *On designated roads.
Ohio R.C. § 5577.05	45' RV	45' RV	45' RV	65'	N/F	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined from "RV". Excludes front and rear bumpers, safety devices and energy conservation devices.

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Oklahoma 47 Okl.St. Ann. § 14-103	N/F	N/F*	N/F*	70'  65'*	2  3	45' for trucks. *Statutes contain a travel trailer definition limiting them to 40', including hitch or coupling. *Vans, suburbans, blazers or similar types of vehicles and self-propelled RVs with a 3/4 ton or more rated capacity may tow a fifth-wheel trailer and one additional trailer. Includes front and rear bumpers.
Oregon O.R.S. § 818.100 O.R.S. § 818.080	45' RV	45' RV	45' RV	65'	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined from "RV". Permanent Structure Protrusion Limits: Motorhome: Three-fourths the length of vehicle's wheel base. Combination: More than one-third but not more than one-half combination of vehicle's wheelbase.
Pennsylvania 75 Pa.C.S.A. § 4923	45' Motorhome	N/F	N/F	N/F	N/F	Includes front and rear bumpers.
Rhode Island Gen.Laws 1956, § 31-25-5	45' Motorized Camper	45' Camping RV	45' Camping RV	N/F	N/F	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined from "RV". Includes front and rear bumpers.
South Carolina Code 1976 § 56-5-4070	45'* Motorhome	N/F	N/F	N/F	2	Includes front and rear bumpers. Excludes safety and energy conservation devices.  *Provided turning radius is 48' or less.

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South Dakota SDCL § 32-22-9 SDCL § 32-22-12.1 SDCL § 32-22-5	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	N/S 75'	2 3	“Fifth wheel trailer” is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. “Trailer” is not separately defined from “Vehicle”. 45' for trucks. Three-vehicle combinations permitted if first trailer is connected to towing vehicle by a ball hitch, a gooseneck hitch, pintle hitch or a fifth-wheel hitch. The second trailer connection shall be a ball type hitch, gooseneck hitch or a pintle hitch directly fastened to the frame of the first trailer. Second trailer may not exceed 24' and if the gross weight of the second trailer is greater than 3,000 pounds it shall be equipped with breakaway brakes.
Tennessee T. C. A. § 55-7-201	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	40' for straight trucks.
Texas V.T.C.A., Transportation Code § 621.203	45' Motor Vehicle	N/S	N/S	65'	2	Includes front and rear bumpers.
Utah U.C.A. 1953 § 72-7-402	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	45' Vehicle	65'	N/S	“Fifth wheel trailer” is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. “Trailer” is not separately defined from “Vehicle”. Includes front and rear bumpers. Excludes state approved safety devices and other lawful appurtenant devices.

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Vermont 23 V.S.A. § 1431 23 V.S.A. § 1432	46' Motor Vehicle	N/S*	N/S*	72'**	2	*The distance between the kingpin of the semitrailer to the center of the rearmost axle shall not exceed 43'. **Restricted to 68' on non-interstate and non-federal aid highways.
Virginia Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1112 Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1113 Va. Code Ann. § 46.2-1115	45' Motorhome	N/S	N/S	65'	2	No tolerance (i.e. bike rack) shall exceed 12".
Washington West's RCWA 46.44.030 West's RCWA 46.44.034	46' Motorhome	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	N/S	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle". Excludes safety and energy conservation devices. Permanent Structure Protrusion Limits: Maximum 15' beyond center of last axle.
West Virginia W. Va. Code, § 17C-17-4	45' Motorhome*	N/S	N/S	65'	2	*Excludes front and rear bumpers.

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Wisconsin W.S.A. 348.07 348.08 (1)(i)	45' Motorhome	45' Mobile Home	45' Mobile Home	65'	3	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined under maximum length provisions. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Mobile Home". The overall length of a mobile home or recreational vehicle shall be measured from the rear thereof to the rear of the vehicle to which it is attached.
Wyoming W.S.1977 § 31-18-802	60' Vehicle	60' Vehicle	60' Vehicle	85'	3	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle".
District of Columbia D.C. Mun. Regs., title. 18, § 2502	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	40' Vehicle	55'	2	"Fifth wheel trailer" is not separately defined. "Trailer" is not separately defined from "Vehicle".

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