

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE
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Page 705, after line 3, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 1640. AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTER PRODUCTIVITY.**

2 Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is further
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(w) OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED HAUL-
5 ING VEHICLES ON THE INTERSTATE.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may not prohibit
7 the operation of a stinger-steered combination auto-
8 mobile transporter with a gross weight of 88,000
9 pounds or less on—

10 “(A) any segment of the Interstate System
11 (except a system exempted under section
12 31111(f) of title 49); or

13 “(B) the classes of qualifying Federal-aid
14 primary highways designated by the Secretary
15 under section 31111(e) of title 49.

16 “(2) REASONABLE ACCESS.—A State may not
17 enact or enforce a law denying reasonable access to
18 stinger-steered combination automobile transporters,
19 to and from highways described in paragraph (1), to

1 loading or unloading points or facilities for food,
2 fuel, repair, and rest.

3 “(3) AXLE WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—A State shall
4 allow a stinger-steered combination automobile
5 transporter an increase of not more than 10 percent
6 on the axle weight limitations set forth in subsection
7 (a).

8 “(4) STINGER-STEERED COMBINATION AUTO-
9 MOBILE TRANSPORTER DEFINED.—In this sub-
10 section, the term ‘stinger-steered combination auto-
11 mobile transporter’ has means a truck tractor
12 semitrailer wherein the fifth wheel is located on a
13 drop frame located behind and below the rear-most
14 axle of the power unit.”

