

the Interstate System will be served with buses not exceeding 96 inches in width. This involves the necessity for providing a dual bus system, which usually involves additional capital outlay and increased operating costs. This, plainly, constitutes economic wastage. The dual bus system also limits flexibility of scheduling equipment. From the passenger's standpoint, the 102 inch bus improves his comfort and convenience and increases the safety factor. From the standpoint of the users of bus service during peak traffic, a shift to the 102 inch bus would increase the quantity of passenger capacity available for service.

It is true, of course, that passage by Congress of S. 2658 would not change vehicle size and weight laws in any state. It would merely raise the Federal limits and thus remove the "strait jacket" from the states and allow them to set standards up to the new limits provided in S. 2658. In each case, such as ours, improvement would be contingent upon action by a state legislature reviewing the laws of its own state. But, since passage of S. 2658 is the indispensable first step toward a realistic solution of the problem, we respectfully urge favorable action by this Subcommittee.

SUMMARY OF MAXIMUM WIDTHS OF TRANSIT MOTOR BUSES PERMITTED UNDER STATE LAWS

States	State width limitations (inches)	State limit exceptions for cities et al.
Alabama.....	96	Municipalities may regulate provided maximum is not less than provided in State statute (96 inches).
Alaska.....	96	
Arizona.....	96	
Arkansas.....	96	
California.....	96	104 inches in urban or suburban service when subject to P.U.C., prior approval of Commission necessary.
Colorado.....	96	102 inches; single bus.
Connecticut.....	102	
Delaware.....	96	
District of Columbia.....	96	102 inches on certain streets, by order of Highway Department.
Florida.....	96	
Georgia.....	96	
Hawaii.....	108	
Idaho.....	96	102 inches for buses operated on highways having a surface width of at least 20 ft. or on narrower segments if determined safe by Board of Highway Directors.
Illinois.....	96	104 inches; buses operated within the limits of cities and villages in counties of 500,000 population or more.
Indiana.....	96	102 inches for buses which operate in cities or towns or between contiguous cities and towns located in counties of at least 160,000 population.
Iowa.....	96	State Highway Commission and local authorities may in their discretion issue trip or annual permits for wide vehicles.
Kansas.....	96	102 inches; buses used in local urban transit.
Kentucky.....	96	102 inches; city and suburban buses.
Louisiana.....	96	Motor buses operating under a franchise or indeterminate permit wholly within the corporate limits of a municipality exceeding 100,000 population exempt from State statute of 96 inches.
Maine.....	102	
Maryland.....	96	Incorporated cities, towns, and municipalities may by ordinance permit within their jurisdiction the operation of motor buses with a maximum outside width of 102 inches.
Massachusetts.....	96	102 inches for buses operated in cities served by the Metropolitan Transit Authority.
Michigan.....	96	102 inches; suburban buses when operated on streets and highways 20 ft. wide within a radius of 30 miles of municipal corporation limits by permission of P.S.C.
Minnesota.....	96	108 inches for buses operated exclusively within any city or village. 102 inches for buses operated within 20 miles of a city of first class.
Mississippi.....	96	
Missouri.....	96	108 inches within corporate limits of communities of 75,000 inhabitants or more and within 2 miles or corporate limits of such cities.
Montana.....	96	102 inches for buses operating on paved highways 20 ft. or more wide.
Nebraska.....	96	102-inch width buses restricted to city streets.
Nevada.....	96	
New Hampshire.....	96	102 inches provided low pressure tires are used.
New Jersey.....	96	
New Mexico.....	96	State Highway Commission may designate highways on which vehicles of 102 inches are allowed.
New York.....	96	102 inches; operated wholly within cities. (If sanctioned by local law or ordinance.)
North Carolina.....	102	102 inches; Buses operated in Charlotte, N.C. only.
North Dakota.....	96	
Ohio.....	96	104 inches; Buses operating exclusively within municipalities.
Oklahoma.....	96	Buses operating only within the city limits of incorporated cities, excluding the Interstate System, may be 102 inches wide.