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The Montana State Highway Department, operating under code section 32-1123, Revised Codes of Montana 1947, has a maximum vehicle length of sixty feet. However, under code section 32-1127, the Montana State Highway Commission is empowered to issue term permits for a period of nine months to vehicle in excess of sixty feet in length and not exceeding seventy feet. Under code section 32-1127(A) vehicles exceeding seventy-feet in length can operate under single trip permits issued by the Montana State Highway Commission. Our present State Law on sizes and lengths have functioned most efficiently for many years from both the administrative operation of the Montana State Highway Commission and enforcement by the Montana highway patrol. It is our position that Federal legislation in the fields in size and length is unnecessary and unwarranted. The individual States are in the best position to determine what is safe and proper vehicle size and length. Any general Federal statutes prescribing single uniform size and length to be applied to all States will only serve to obstruct and hamper efficient interstate and intrastate commerce through Montana and its sister States.

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