

be seen that if this statute was so interpreted as to permit a vehicle of any length to be operated upon the highways merely because it was in a combination of vehicles, the very purpose of this statute would be defeated. For instance, if in a combination of vehicles one was five feet in length and the other eighty feet in length, it is apparent that such a combination would greatly interfere with the convenience and safety of other vehicles on the highways. While this is a criminal statute and must be strictly construed, nevertheless criminal statutes must be fairly construed so as to carry out the intent and purpose of the Legislature. I am of the view that this statute should be construed so that no vehicle over thirty feet in length may be operated on the inter-county highways or main market roads even though such vehicle is a part of a combination of vehicles.

Specifically answering your inquiry, I am of the opinion that the operation of a truck and semi-trailer, whose total length is less than eighty-five feet but the length of the semi-trailer is greater than thirty feet, on the inter-county highways or main market roads, is a violation of Section 7248-2 of the General Code.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO LAND AT TURKEYFOOT LAKE—E. J. VALLEN.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, July 8, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, *Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—You recently submitted for my examination and approval a certain lease, in triplicate, executed by you as Superintendent of Public Works, to one E. J. Vallen of Akron, Ohio, by which lease there is leased and demised to said E. J. Vallen for a term of fifteen years a certain parcel of reservoir land, more particularly described as being that parcel lying immediately in front of Lot No. 37, of J. M. Thornton's Turkeyfoot Lake Allotment, as recorded in Plat Book No. 7, page 14, of the records of Summit County, Ohio.

An examination of said lease shows that the execution of this lease is within the authority granted to you by Section 471 and other related sections of the General Code of Ohio, and that said lease has been executed in conformity with said statutory provisions.

The rental reserved in said lease is six per cent upon an assessed valuation of one hundred dollars. Inasmuch as I have no reason to question the correctness of this valuation, and no other reason appearing why said lease should not be approved by me, the same is hereby approved, and my approval is endorsed upon said lease and upon the duplicate and triplicate thereof.

Respectfully,

GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.