Article – Transportation

Section ~~24–109(c)~~ 24–109(b) and (c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1987 Replacement Volume and 1989 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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(c) (1) A vehicle carrying agricultural or forest products that have been loaded in fields or other off–highway locations is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 10 percent.

(2) A single unit vehicle with 3 axles, or a combination of vehicles with a trailer less than 32 feet long, either registered as a farm vehicle or carrying agricultural products, is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 5 percent from § 24–109(b) and (c) OF THIS SUBTITLE, except during harvest time when a tolerance of 15 percent from § 24–109(b) and (c) OF THIS SUBTITLE is permitted for a vehicle carrying the following agricultural products:

(i) Wheat, for the period from June 1 to August 15;

(ii) Corn, for the period from July 1 to December 1; and

(iii) Soybeans, for the period from September 1 to December 1.

(3) ~~A VEHICLE~~ EXCEPT ON INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS, A SINGLE UNIT VEHICLE WITH AT LEAST 3 AXLES OR A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WITH A TRAILER ~~LESS THAN 32 FEET LONG~~ LENGTH *OF LESS THAN 32 FEET OR A SEMITRAILER LENGTH* OF 45 FEET OR LESS CARRYING FOREST PRODUCTS THAT HAVE BEEN LOADED IN FORESTS OR OTHER SIMILAR OFF–HIGHWAY LOCATIONS IS PERMITTED AN AXLE LOAD LIMIT TOLERANCE OF ~~10~~ 5 PERCENT FROM § 24–109(B) AND (C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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(b) {Notwithstanding} ~~EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN § 24–108(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, NOTWITHSTANDING~~ any other provisions of this title, the overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more consecutive axles may not exceed an amount produced by application of the following formula:

$$W = 500 \left(\frac{LN}{N-1} + 12N + 36 \right)$$

where "W" = overall gross weight on any group of 2 or more consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, "L" = distance in feet measured horizontally between the vertical centerlines of the extreme of any group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and "N" =