

corporation, co-partnership or association, or owner, lessee, operator or driver of any vehicle, commercial vehicle, tractor-trailer, semi-trailer, trailer, or combination thereof, to operate on a public highway any of the above vehicles having a gross weight in excess of the maximum registered weight as indicated on the certificate of registration issued pursuant to Section 74 of this Article or any statutory weight limit allowed under the provisions of this Article, OR ARTICLE 89B.

(e) A violation of any of the sub-sections of this section or of any section in this Article OR ARTICLE 89B shall be considered as separate and distinct violations; provided, however, that for a violation of the sections pertaining to the weights of vehicles, the violation constituting the greatest excess of weight over the limits imposed by this Article in each instance shall be the only violation for which the fine shall be imposed.

(f) Any officer of the Maryland State Police, member of an authorized weighing crew of the State Roads Commission or peace officer empowered with the right to enforce the provisions of this Article OR ARTICLE 89B having reason to believe that the size or weight of a vehicle and load being operated on a public highway is unlawful is authorized to require the driver to stop and submit to a measurement or weighing, or both, of the vehicles by means of either portable or stationary scales.

(g) The Trial Magistrate upon the conviction for a violation of any of the provisions of this section ~~and Section 74~~, SECTION 74 AND ARTICLE 89B shall impose the following fines:

(1) For a weight violation of less than 5,000 pounds over the registered weight or any statutory weight limit, a fine of 2 cents for every pound of excess weight shall be imposed.

(2) For a weight violation in excess of 5,000 pounds over the registered weight or any statutory weight limit, a fine of 6 cents for every pound of excess weight shall be imposed.

(h) The Trial Magistrate, upon the conviction for a violation of any of the provisions relating to the weight of a vehicle, shall not have power to suspend or reduce the fine.

(i) If the vehicle being operated in violation of the provisions of this section, ARTICLE 66½ OR ARTICLE 89B