

wise chargeable by law for and during the license year in the year 1956 and thereafter. It is the Legislative intent that nothing in this Act is to prevail over the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1955.

Approved April 18, 1955.

CHAPTER 443

(Senate Bill 348)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, sub-section (a) of Section 278 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", relating to weight of axle loads of vehicles equipped with coupled axles.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sub-section (a) of Section 278 of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1954 Supplement), title "Motor Vehicles", sub-title "Operation of Vehicles Upon Highways", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

278. (Weights of Vehicles and Loads.) (a) No axle load shall exceed 22,400 pounds, ~~but~~ AND with respect to any vehicle [containing coupled axles the load for each of such coupled axles shall not exceed 20,000 pounds; and with respect to any vehicle containing coupled axles spaced less than 48 inches apart measured horizontally between their center lines, the load for each of such coupled axles shall not exceed eighteen thousand (18,000) pounds.] *equipped with coupled axles (commonly known as tandem axles) spaced 48 inches or more apart measured horizontally between their centerlines, the combined load of such coupled axles shall not exceed 40,000 pounds; and with respect to any vehicle equipped with coupled axles spaced less than 48 inches apart measured horizontally between their centerlines, the combined weight of such coupled axles shall not exceed thirty-six thousand (36,000) pounds.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

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CHAPTER 444

(Senate Bill 392)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 303(d) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1954 Supple-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.