

ment Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways," relating to the issuance of permits for transporting oversized farm equipment or implements of husbandry or motor vehicles transporting farm equipment or implements of husbandry in the State.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 310 (a) of Article 66 $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume), title "Motor Vehicles," subtitle "Operation of Vehicles upon Highways," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

310.

(a) No motor vehicle, other than farm equipment and implements of husbandry, in excess of ninety-six inches in width, including the load thereof, except traction engines and any load of forage crops in connection with harvesting operations where the distance of hauling is less than ~~two (2)~~ FIVE (5) miles on such highways of the State, shall be operated on any such highway in this State, and no traction engine in excess of one hundred inches in width shall be operated on any such highway, nor shall any motor vehicle equipped with solid tires be so operated of which the total weight of vehicle and load per inch in width of each tire as such tires are rated by the tire manufacturers shall exceed six hundred and fifty pounds, without the special permission of the State Roads Commission in the case of a road under its jurisdiction, or the permission of the city authorities in the case of a city street, or the permission of the county authorities in the case of a county highway. Provided, however that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the operation upon any street, road or highway in this State, of a motor vehicle loaded with tobacco hogsheads and having an overall width when loaded not in excess of one hundred and three (103) inches.

Providing further that nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prevent the operation upon any street, road or highway in this State of farm equipment, implements of husbandry, or motor vehicles transporting farm equipment or implements of husbandry, so long as the operator of said motor vehicle hauling farm equipment or implement of husbandry has acquired a permit from the district OR COUNTY engineer of the State Roads Commission for the area involved authorizing such operation. **[Motor]** *An operator of motor vehicles transporting oversized farm equipment or implements of husbandry may apply [to] for such district OR COUNTY engineer permit, at no charge, granting him the authority to haul such oversized equipment or implement on public roads [between two designated points on a designated date] for an entire year. The said district OR COUNTY engineer may in his discretion SHALL issue such permits annually.* The holder of such a permit, when hauling the oversized equipment or implement, shall have the permit on his person at the time of the operation, and shall obey all traffic laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1968.

Approved May 7, 1968.