

REVISOR'S NOTE: Subsections (a) through (f) of this section presently appear as Art. 66 1/2, §14-107. Subsection (g) of this section is new language derived without substantive change from the last sentence of Art. 66 1/2, §11-806(a).

In subsection (e) of this section, the term "towed vehicle" is substituted for the apparently unintentionally limited reference to a "motor vehicle" being towed.

The only other changes are in style.

24-108. LOAD LIMITS OF AXLES.

(A) HOW DISTANCE BETWEEN COUPLED AXLES TO BE MEASURED.

FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE DISTANCE BETWEEN COUPLED AXLES (COMMONLY KNOWN AS "TANDEM" AXLES) SHALL BE MEASURED HORIZONTALLY BETWEEN THEIR CENTERLINES.

(B) LIMITS.

THE GROSS WEIGHT IMPOSED ON THE GROUND SURFACE BY THE WHEELS OF AN AXLE OR AXLES OF A VEHICLE MAY NOT EXCEED THE FOLLOWING LIMITS:

(1) FOR A SINGLE AXLE.....22,400 POUNDS;

(2) FOR COUPLED AXLES SPACED LESS THAN 48 INCHES APART.....36,000 POUNDS COMBINED; AND

(3) FOR COUPLED AXLES SPACED 48 INCHES OR MORE APART.....40,000 POUNDS COMBINED.

(C) PERMITTED TOLERANCE - AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

A VEHICLE CARRYING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS THAT HAVE BEEN LOADED IN FIELDS OR OTHER OFF-HIGHWAY LOCATIONS IS PERMITTED AN AXLE LOAD LIMIT TOLERANCE OF 10 PERCENT.

(D) PERMITTED TOLERANCE - GARBAGE AND REFUSE TRUCKS IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY.

(1) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, GARBAGE AND REFUSE TRUCKS THAT MAKE COLLECTIONS ON A FIXED ROUTE AND ARE OWNED BY OR DOING BUSINESS WITH ANY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY IN THE COUNTY ARE PERMITTED REAR AXLE LOAD LIMIT TOLERANCES OF 10 PERCENT IF:

(I) THE OVERWEIGHT IS DUE TO BAD WEATHER;
AND

(II) THE TRUCK DOES NOT EXCEED ITS REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT LIMIT.