

24-206. AUTHORITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES OR STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION TO PRESERVE BRIDGES AND CULVERTS.

(A) IN GENERAL.

THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY REGULATE THE WEIGHT AND SPEED OF ANY VEHICLE PASSING OVER ANY BRIDGE OR CULVERT INCLUDED IN THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM UNDER ITS JURISDICTION, BY PLACING AND MAINTAINING SIGNS AT EACH END OF THE BRIDGE OR CULVERT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

(B) LOCAL AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN APPROVAL OF STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

(1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY NOT IMPOSE ANY RESTRICTION UNDER THIS SECTION WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

(2) THE FOLLOWING LOCAL AUTHORITIES DO NOT REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, IF THEY SUBMIT TO THE ADMINISTRATION, AT THE TIME OF PLACING ANY SIGN UNDER THIS SECTION, A COPY OF THE ENGINEERING ANALYSIS ON WHICH ITS RESTRICTIONS ARE BASED:

(I) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;

(II) BALTIMORE COUNTY;

(III) HARFORD COUNTY;

(IV) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; AND

(V) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.

~~(B)~~ (C) SIGN REQUIREMENTS.

THE SIGNS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) CONSIST OF LETTERING AT LEAST 3 INCHES IN HEIGHT; AND

(2) BE WORDED AS FOLLOWS:

"WARNING—WEIGHT NOT TO EXCEED {HERE INSERT NUMERALS} POUNDS, SPEED NOT TO EXCEED {HERE INSERT NUMERALS} MILES PER HOUR."

~~(C)~~ (D) VIOLATION PROHIBITED; LIABILITY FOR DAMAGES; EVIDENCE; ~~CONFLICTING LAWS.~~

(1) UNLESS THE PERSON HAS A WRITTEN PERMIT FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR THE APPROPRIATE LOCAL AUTHORITY, A PERSON, WHETHER THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, THE PERSON HAVING CHARGE AND CONTROL OVER THE VEHICLE, OR AN EMPLOYEE OR AGENT OF EITHER, MAY NOT DRIVE