

passing over any bridge or culvert under its jurisdiction, by placing and maintaining signs at each end of the bridge or culvert as provided in this section.

(b) (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 that Administration, at the time of placing any sign under this section, a copy of the engineering analysis on which its restrictions are based:

- (I) ALLEGANY COUNTY;
- [(i)] (II) Anne Arundel County;
- [(ii)] (III) Baltimore County;
- [(iii)] (IV) Carroll County;
- [(iv)] (V) Frederick County;
- [(v)] (VI) Harford County;
- [(vi)] (VII) Montgomery County; and
- [(vii)] (VIII) Prince George's County.

(c) The signs required under subsection (a) of this section shall be those set forth as standard applications for vehicle weight and speed restrictions in the manual on uniform traffic control devices adopted by the State Highway Administration pursuant to the provisions of § 25-104 of the Transportation Article.

(d) (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 or cause to be driven any vehicle over a bridge or culvert in violation of any restriction imposed under this section.

(2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, any owner or person in control of a vehicle that is in violation of any restriction imposed under this section is liable to the State Highway Administration or the appropriate local authority for all damages sustained by a bridge, culvert, or highway as a result of the violation.

(3) In the trial of a person charged with a violation of this section, oral testimony of the existence