

(i) The maximum registered weight limit for which the vehicle or combination is registered under the Maryland Vehicle Law; [or]

(ii) Any statutory weight limit set forth in the Maryland Vehicle Law[.]; OR

(III) THE MAXIMUM WEIGHT LIMIT IMPOSED BY SIGNS WHICH HAVE BEEN PLACED TO REGULATE THE WEIGHT OF ANY VEHICLE PASSING OVER ANY BRIDGE OR CULVERT AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 24-206 OF THE TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE; PROVIDED THAT SIGNS POSTING SUCH RESTRICTION ARE LOCATED AT THE BRIDGE OR CULVERT AND ALSO PRIOR TO THE LAST AVAILABLE ALTERNATE ROUTE WHICH BYPASSES THE BRIDGE OR CULVERT.

(2) On conviction of any person for a violation of any of these limits, fines shall be imposed as provided in this section.

(b) A loading error or tolerance of 1,000 pounds over a registered [or] WEIGHT LIMIT, statutory weight limit, OR WEIGHT LIMIT IMPOSED BY SIGNS is allowed and only weight in excess of this tolerance is a violation.

(c) (1) For the first 5,000 pounds of a weight violation over the registered [or] WEIGHT LIMIT, statutory weight limit [of a vehicle], OR WEIGHT LIMIT IMPOSED BY SIGNS, the fine is the greater of:

(i) 5 cents for each pound of excess weight; or

(ii) \$50.

(2) For a weight violation in excess of 5,000 pounds over the registered [or] WEIGHT LIMIT, statutory weight limit [of a vehicle], OR WEIGHT LIMIT IMPOSED BY SIGNS, the fine is 12 cents for each additional pound of excess weight over 5,000 pounds.

(F) THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO AN "EMERGENCY VEHICLE", AS DEFINED IN § 11-118 OF THIS ARTICLE, WHEN RESPONDING TO AN EMERGENCY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1982.

Approved May 20, 1982.