

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

27–105.

(a) (1) This section applies to any person charged with a violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law for exceeding, as to any vehicle or combination of vehicles:

(i) The maximum registered weight limit for which the vehicle or combination is registered;

(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 this article; provided that signs posting the 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) Except on interstate highways, a loading error or tolerance of 1,000 pounds over a registered weight limit, statutory weight limit, or weight limit imposed by signs is allowed and only weight in excess of this tolerance is a violation provided that:

(1) An overall gross weight may not exceed 80,000 pounds, including any enforcement or statutory tolerances; or

(2) The vehicle is being operated under a valid permit for gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds.

(c) [The] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE following fines, in addition to court costs, are applicable to weight violations over the registered weight limit, statutory weight limit, or weight limit imposed by signs, and for weight violations that occur on any highway of this State, including interstate highways:

(1) 1 cent for each pound for the first 1,000 pounds of weight over any allowable weight;

(2) 5 cents for each pound of excess weight over 1,000 pounds, but less than 5,001 pounds;

(3) 12 cents for each additional pound of excess weight over 5,000 pounds and less than 10,001 pounds;

(4) 20 cents for each additional pound of excess weight over 10,000 pounds but less than 20,001 pounds; and