

certain inspection reports; specifying the penalties for the violation of certain provisions of law or the terms and conditions of certain exceptional hauling permits; authorizing a certain person to appeal a certain revocation; requiring certain records to be provided to the State Highway Administrator or the Administrator's designee on request; authorizing the State Highway Administrator to take certain action if certain records are not received; establishing certain fees; requiring the State Highway Administration to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain report; authorizing the State Highway Administrator to stop issuing or renewing exceptional hauling permits under certain circumstances; requiring a certain report to the General Assembly if the State Highway Administration stops issuing or renewing exceptional hauling permits under this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to vehicle laws and exceptional hauling permits.

BY adding to

Article - Transportation

Section 24-113.2

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2002 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

24-113.2.

(A) AN EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION IS VALID ONLY IN ALLEGANY COUNTY AND GARRETT COUNTY.

~~(A)~~ (B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE AN EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMIT FOR A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES THAT:

(1) CARRIES FORESTRY PRODUCTS THAT:

(I) ARE LOADED IN FIELDS OR OTHER OFF-HIGHWAY LOCATIONS;

AND

(II) ARE THE ONLY LOAD OF THE VEHICLE; AND

(2) HAS AN AXLE CONFIGURATION OF NOT LESS THAN SIX AXLES AND A FRONT-TO-REAR CENTERLINE AXLE SPACING OF NOT LESS THAN 50 FEET.

~~(B)~~ (C) A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES OPERATING UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF AN EXCEPTIONAL HAULING PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SUBSECTION ~~(A)~~ (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL:

(1) COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING WEIGHT LIMITS:

(I) A MAXIMUM OF 20,000 POUNDS GROSS WEIGHT ON A SINGLE AXLE;