

- (1) Farm equipment;
- (2) Vehicle transporting farm equipment; or
- (3) Vehicle carrying a load of forage crops in connection with harvesting operations, if the distance traveled with the load on the highways in this State is less than 5 miles.

(c) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A vehicle may not be driven on any highway if the width of the vehicle exceeds [the limits specified in this subsection] 102 INCHES unless:

(i) It has a permit issued by the State Highway Administration under § 24-112 of this subtitle; or

(ii) As to a highway under the jurisdiction of a local authority, it has special permission from the local authority.

[(2) For a motor vehicle loaded with tobacco hogsheads or sod, the width limit is 102 inches.

(3) For a bus, motor home, or travel trailer on any highway that is part of the interstate system or State primary system or for a publicly owned transit bus, the width limit is 102 inches.

(4) For a truck or combination of vehicles, the width limit is 102 inches, provided that:

(i) It is being operated on any part of the interstate system or other State system highways that are designated by the Secretary in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Transportation; or

(ii) It is being operated on a highway that:

1. Is the shortest practical route between a designated highway and a truck terminal, a point of origin/destination for cargo, or for a distance not to exceed 1 mile, facilities for food, fuel, repairs, or rest; or

2. Is the safest practical route and is a State highway with 4 or more lanes.

(5) For any other vehicle, the width limit is 96 inches.

(d) By ordinance, a municipal corporation or Baltimore City may permit the operation in its jurisdiction of any bus that is not over 102 inches wide.]

(2) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY MAY PROHIBIT THE USE OF A HIGHWAY OR PART OF A HIGHWAY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION BY A VEHICLE EXCEEDING A CERTAIN WIDTH IF IT FINDS THAT A VEHICLE EXCEEDING A CERTAIN WIDTH LIKELY WOULD:

1. ENDANGER ROAD USERS;