

(e) A sign used to direct vehicles under this section may be displayed only by a police officer who is assigned to enforce this section.

(f) The Motor Vehicle Administration may adopt rules and regulations as are necessary for the safe operation of vehicles engaged in the transportation of property or passengers [for hire] over the highways of this State.

(1) Any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this subsection shall:

[(1)] (I) Be formulated jointly by the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Maryland State Police;

[(2)] (II) Duplicate or be consistent with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations contained in 49 CFR, Parts 390 through 398;

[(3)] (III) Apply to all vehicles over 10,000 pounds registered gross vehicle weight that are subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations; and

[(4)] (IV) Apply to vehicles over 10,000 pounds registered gross vehicle weight that are not [subjected] SUBJECT to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, if the rule or regulations adopted by the Motor Vehicle Administration specifically states that it applies to the vehicle.

(2) THE RULES OR REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION MAY REQUIRE THAT REGISTRANTS OF MOTOR VEHICLES SUBJECT TO THIS SUBSECTION HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS.

(g) Any person driving a vehicle that is subject to the rules and regulations adopted under this section shall, at all times when operating the vehicle on a highway in this State, comply with the rules and regulations adopted under this section.

(h) DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS, A POLICE OFFICER, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INSPECTOR, OR A PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION INSPECTOR MAY ENTER THE PREMISES AND INSPECT EQUIPMENT AND REVIEW AND COPY RECORDS OF MOTOR CARRIERS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS, FEDERAL HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REGULATIONS, AND PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

(I) The provisions of §§ 391 and 395 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations do not apply to vehicles being operated in intrastate commerce.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Transportation has the authority until January 1, 1987, to administratively make exceptions or modifications to the size and weight laws in emergency situations. Any exceptions or