

(II) IN ALLEGANY, GARRETT, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, THE VEHICLE IS NOT SUBJECT TO ANY OTHER RESTRICTIONS OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW ON THE WEIGHT, GROSS WEIGHT, OR AXLE LOADS OF A VEHICLE UNLESS THE VEHICLE EXCEEDS ITS MAXIMUM REGISTERED GROSS WEIGHT BY 10 PERCENT OR ONE OF ITS AXLES IS NOT ~~IN-USE-WHEN-LOADED~~ CARRYING AT LEAST 10 PERCENT OF THE VEHICLE'S TOTAL GROSS WEIGHT.

(H) A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION WITH A REGISTERED MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT LIMITATION OF MORE THAN 65,000 POUNDS IS LIMITED TO A MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT OF 65,000 POUNDS WHEN THE VEHICLE IS OPERATED IN A COUNTY IN THE STATE OTHER THAN ALLEGANY, GARRETT, OR WASHINGTON COUNTIES.

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(G) IN ALLEGANY, GARRETT, AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES, AN OPERATOR WHO REFUSES TO SUBMIT TO AN ORDER TO WEIGH A VEHICLE REGISTERED AS A CLASS E (TRUCK) VEHICLE UNDER § 13-919 OF THIS ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER DUMP SERVICE VEHICLE:

(1) SHALL BE CHARGED WITH A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW; AND

(2) ON CONVICTION, IS SUBJECT TO A FINE:

(I) NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000 FOR A FIRST ~~OR--SECOND~~ OFFENSE ~~WITHIN-A-2-YEAR-PERIOD~~; AND

(II) NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000 FOR A ~~THIRD--OR~~ SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE ~~WITHIN-A-2-YEAR-PERIOD~~.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Secretary of Transportation shall contact and receive approval from the Federal Highway Administration before registering any vehicle under this Act and this Act may not take effect until the Secretary receives approval from the Federal Highway Administration and registers vehicles under § 13-919**(b)(3)** of the Transportation Article with a gross weight of more than 65,000 pounds.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid for any reason in a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalidity does not affect other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and for this purpose the provisions of this Act are declared severable.