

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and the interested and affected parties have agreed to work cooperatively with the Congress of the United States and the Federal Highway Administration to achieve the purposes of this Act; and

WHEREAS, It is critical to the economic well-being of Maryland to proceed with respect to the issues addressed in this Act in a timely manner to ensure that there is minimal adverse impact on the marketplace; now, therefore,

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

### Article – Transportation

13-919.

(a) On application, the Administration shall issue a special Class E “dump service registration” to any applicant who certifies that the vehicle for which the application is made is a Class E (truck) vehicle that:

(1) Is designed to haul cargo and to self-unload by gravity or mechanical means; and

(2) Is to be used to haul feed or other loose materials in bulk.

(b) The maximum gross weight limitation for a vehicle registered under this section is for a vehicle with two axles — 40,000 pounds.

(c) (1) [Except in Allegany and Garrett Counties, the] THE maximum gross weight limitation for a vehicle registered under this section AFTER JUNE 1, 1994 is for a vehicle with three [or more] axles — [65,000] 55,000 pounds.

(2) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT LIMITATION FOR A VEHICLE REGISTERED UNDER THIS SECTION AFTER JUNE 1, 1994 IS:

(I) In Allegany and Garrett Counties [only:

(i) For a vehicle with 3 axles — 65,000 pounds; and

(ii) For] FOR a vehicle with [4] FOUR or more axles in use when loaded — 70,000 pounds; AND

(II) FOR A VEHICLE WITH FOUR AXLES THAT IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE DEPARTMENT THAT SPECIFY ALTERNATIVE VEHICLE DESIGN CONFIGURATIONS BASED ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE DUMP TRUCK TECHNICAL TASK FORCE — 70,000 POUNDS.

(D) (1) (I) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THREE-AXLE VEHICLES REGISTERED BEFORE JUNE 1, 1994 MAY CONTINUE TO BE OPERATED AT THE GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMIT SPECIFIED BY THE APPLICABLE LAW IN EFFECT ON MAY 31, 1994 FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS BEGINNING: