

(II) A HIGHWAY THAT IS THE SHORTEST PRACTICAL ROUTE BETWEEN A DESIGNATED HIGHWAY AND:

- 1. A POINT OF ORIGIN OR DESIGNATION ON A PARTICULAR DAY; OR
- 2. FOR A DISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED 1 MILE, FACILITIES FOR FOOD, FUEL, REPAIRS, OR REST.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

Approved May 14, 1996.

CHAPTER 496

(House Bill 785)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws – Tow Trucks – Size and Weight Restrictions

FOR the purpose of altering the circumstances under which a tow truck engaged in a tow is exempt from certain size and weight restrictions; repealing provisions requiring a person to obtain a certain permit from the State Highway Administration before engaging in a tow of a motor vehicle or vehicle combination that exceeds certain size and weight restrictions; requiring a tow truck that is operated in this State but registered in another state to obtain certain liability insurance and to provide certain identification numbers; altering the circumstances under which a rollback vehicle may be operated in combination with another vehicle being towed; clarifying language; and generally relating to the application of size and weight restrictions to tow trucks.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 13-920

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

13-920.

(a) (1) In this section “tow truck” means a vehicle that:

- (i) Is a Class E (truck) vehicle that is designed to lift, pull, or carry a vehicle by a hoist or mechanical apparatus;