

WHEREAS, The General Assembly enacted Chapter 677 of the Acts of 1994 which further amended § 13-919 of the Transportation Article with the intent of delaying the implementation of the increased weight limits, but not intending to affect the law as approved by the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to eliminate any uncertainty regarding the application of the law to the registration of dump service vehicles by restoring § 13-919 of the Transportation Article to read as it did upon the enactment of Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1993 in order to conform § 13-919 of the Transportation Article to the law approved by the 1994 Act of Congress; 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) The maximum gross weight limitation for a vehicle registered under this section after ~~December 31~~ JUNE 1, 1994 is for a vehicle with three axles — 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 [December 31] JUNE 1, 1994 is:

(i) In Allegany and Garrett Counties for a vehicle with 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 [December 31] JUNE 1, 1994 may continue to be operated at the gross vehicle weight limit specified by the applicable law in effect on [December 31] ~~JUNE 1~~ MAY 31, 1994 for a period of 20 years beginning:

1. For a new vehicle registered for the first time, the later of the vehicle's model year or date of registration; and

2. For a used vehicle, the vehicle's model year.