

2. In Allegany and Garrett 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 carrying at least 15 percent of the vehicle's total gross weight.

(2) A vehicle registered under this section may be operated on a statewide basis without any distance limitations if the vehicle is:

(i) A three-axle vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds; or

(ii) A four-axle vehicle with a maximum gross vehicle weight of 70,000 pounds that is in compliance with the regulations described under subsection (c)(2)(ii) of this section.

(i) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a vehicle registered under this section with a registered maximum gross weight limitation of more than 65,000 pounds that is not in compliance with the regulations described in subsection (c)(2)(ii) of this section is limited to a maximum gross weight of 65,000 pounds when the vehicle is operated on an interstate highway or in a county in the State other than Allegany County or Garrett County.

(2) A vehicle used to haul coal, logs, or pulpwood that is registered under this section and operated on Interstate Route 68 in Allegany County or Garrett County is allowed a maximum gross weight limitation of 70,000 pounds, regardless of whether the vehicle is in compliance with the regulations described in subsection (c)(2)(ii) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Chapter 480 of the Acts of 1993, as amended by Chapter 677 of the Acts of 1994

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the provisions of Sections 1 and 9 of this Act [shall take effect December 31, 1994] ARE contingent on the enactment by the Congress of the United States of legislation that authorizes the statewide use of a vehicle registered in accordance with § 13-919 of the Transportation Article, as amended by this Act, including the use of a four-axle vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 70,000 pounds.

[SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if the Congress does not enact the legislation specified in Section 6 of this Act before December 31, 1994, or if the Department of Transportation fails to adopt regulations implementing the recommendations of the Dump Truck Technical Task Force within 6 months after the report of the Task Force is issued:

(a) The Department shall report to the General Assembly during the 1995 Session on alternative measures, including possible legislative remedies, to minimize damage to Maryland's highway and bridge systems; and