

CHAPTER 441

(House Bill 56)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Weight Tolerances - Agricultural Products

FOR the purpose of ~~altering a permitted~~ permitting a certain weight tolerance under the Maryland Vehicle Law concerning for certain vehicles transporting certain agricultural products during harvest a certain time to apply to any agricultural product that is loaded at the harvest site; altering certain requirements relating to the eligibility of certain vehicle combinations for certain weight tolerances; altering the period during which certain weight tolerances apply for certain vehicles carrying soybeans; making a technical correction; and generally relating to weight tolerances for vehicles carrying agricultural products.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Transportation

Section 24-108(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

Article - Transportation

24-108.

(c) (1) Except on interstate highways, a vehicle carrying ~~agricultural~~ FARM products as defined under § 10-601 of the Agriculture Article or forest products that have been loaded in fields or other off-highway locations is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 10 percent.

(2) Except on interstate highways, a single unit vehicle with 3 axles, or a combination of vehicles with a ~~trailer~~ SEMITRAILER NOT TRAILER less than 32 feet long OR A SEMITRAILER LESS THAN 45 FEET LONG, either registered as a farm vehicle or carrying ~~agricultural~~ FARM products as defined under § 10-601 of the Agriculture Article that were loaded in fields or other off-highway locations, is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 5 percent from § 24-109(b) and (c) of this subtitle, except during harvest time when a tolerance of 15 percent from § 24-109(b) and (c) of this subtitle is permitted for a vehicle carrying ~~{the following}~~ agricultural products:

- (i) Wheat, for the period from June 1 to August 15;
- (ii) Corn, for the period from July 1 to December 1; ~~and~~

(iii) Soybeans, for the period from September 1 to December [1] 31;
AND THAT ARE LOADED AT THE HARVEST SITE.