

CHAPTER 563
(House Bill 1426)

AN ACT concerning

Vehicle Laws - Weight Tolerances - Forest Products

FOR the purpose of modifying a certain weight tolerance under the Maryland Vehicle Law for certain vehicles transporting forest products under certain circumstances.

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 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 less than 32 feet long, either registered as a farm vehicle or carrying agricultural 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.

(3) (I) Except on interstate highways, a single unit vehicle with at least 3 axles or a combination of vehicles with a trailer length of less than 32 feet [or a semitrailer length of 45 feet or less] carrying forest products that have been loaded in forests or other similar off-highway locations is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of [5] 10 percent from § 24-109(b) and (c) of this subtitle.