

HOUSE BILL 1401

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By: **Delegate Barve**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Overweight Vehicles – Heavyweight Port Corridor Permit**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the State Highway Administration to designate any
4 highway within a certain radius of the Port of Baltimore to be part of a heavyweight
5 port corridor; establishing a certain maximum gross vehicle weight for a vehicle with
6 a permit for traveling on a heavyweight port corridor; authorizing certain vehicles to
7 operate on a heavyweight port corridor; and generally relating to a heavyweight port
8 corridor permit.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation
11 Section 24–109(i)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 24–113.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 24–109.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(I) (1) THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY DESIGNATE ANY**
 2 **HIGHWAY WITHIN A 10-MILE RADIUS OF THE PORT OF BALTIMORE TO BE PART OF**
 3 **A HEAVYWEIGHT PORT CORRIDOR.**

4 **(2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE**
 5 **GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE FOR WHICH A PERMIT IS ISSUED UNDER §**
 6 **24-113.1 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR TRAVEL ON A DESIGNATED HEAVYWEIGHT PORT**
 7 **CORRIDOR MAY NOT EXCEED 100,000 POUNDS.**

8 24-113.1.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, and subject to subsections
 10 (b) and (c) of this section, the Secretary, by regulation, may determine that a combination
 11 of vehicles carrying manifested international freight as the only load of the vehicle in a
 12 sealed, seagoing container on a semitrailer is carrying an indivisible load provided that:

13 (1) A vehicle issued a permit under this section may not exceed:

14 **(I)** 22,400 pounds gross maximum weight for a single axle, 44,000
 15 pounds gross maximum weight for 2 consecutive axles, or 90,000 pounds gross maximum
 16 weight; **OR**

17 **(II) FOR A VEHICLE TRAVELING ON A HEAVYWEIGHT PORT**
 18 **CORRIDOR ESTABLISHED UNDER § 24-109(I) OF THIS SUBTITLE, 100,000 POUNDS**
 19 **GROSS MAXIMUM WEIGHT; and**

20 (2) A vehicle issued a permit under this section may be operated only on:

21 (i) **FOR VEHICLES DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1)(I) OF THIS**
 22 **SUBSECTION:**

23 **1.** Those parts of the interstate and State systems of
 24 highways that are designated by the Secretary in conjunction with the United States
 25 Department of Transportation; **OR**

26 **[(ii)] 2.** Any other highway, authorized by the Secretary, that is
 27 the shortest practical route between a highway designated pursuant to [subparagraph (i)]
 28 **ITEM 1** of this [paragraph] **ITEM** and:

29 **[1.] A.** A truck terminal;

30 **[2.] B.** A port or other point of origin or destination; or

31 **[3.] C.** For a distance not to exceed one mile, facilities for
 32 food, fuel, repairs, or rest; **OR**

1 **(II) FOR A VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN ITEM (1)(II) OF THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION, A HEAVYWEIGHT PORT CORRIDOR.**

3 (b) (1) The Secretary shall adopt regulations, consistent with the provisions of
4 this section, for the issuance of permits for vehicles described under subsection (a) of this
5 section.

6 (2) The regulations adopted under this subsection may set fees and shall
7 establish maximum axle and gross weight limits, routes, and other necessary criteria.

8 (c) The authority granted under the provisions of this section may not be
9 exercised unless and until the Secretary determines in writing that its exercise:

10 (1) Is required to provide access to or egress from the Port of Baltimore for
11 international freight;

12 (2) Will not cause extraordinary damage to roads and bridges in the State
13 or require extraordinary expense for the maintenance of those roads and bridges;

14 (3) Will not cause undue adverse environmental impact upon or unduly
15 disrupt residential neighborhoods; and

16 (4) Will not impair highway safety.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2019.