

SENATE BILL 1038

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By: **Senator Salling**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~State Highway Administration – Overweight Vehicle Permits~~
3 Vehicle Laws – Overweight Vehicles – Heavy Weight Port Corridor Permit

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the ~~State Highway Administration to issue permits~~
5 ~~allowing certain overweight vehicles to operate on certain highways designated by~~
6 ~~the Administration; establishing certain terms for a permit; establishing a certain~~
7 ~~annual fee for the permit; defining a certain term; and generally relating to State~~
8 ~~Highway Administration permits for overweight vehicles~~ Secretary of
9 Transportation to determine that a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting
10 certain freight is an indivisible load authorized to obtain a certain overweight vehicle
11 permit under certain circumstances; establishing certain conditions for a vehicle
12 issued a permit under this Act, including a requirement to travel only on roads
13 designated as being part of a “heavy weight port corridor”; establishing a certain
14 maximum gross vehicle weight for a vehicle with a permit for traveling on a heavy
15 weight port corridor; establishing a certain maximum gross vehicle weight for a
16 vehicle with a permit for traveling on a heavy weight port corridor; requiring the
17 Secretary to adopt certain regulations for the issuance of permits under this Act; and
18 generally relating to a heavy weight port corridor permit.

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Transportation

21 Section ~~24-112.2~~ 24-109(i) and 24-113.3

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

3 Article – Transportation

4 ~~24-112.2.~~

5 ~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HEAVY WEIGHT CORRIDOR” MEANS A MOTOR~~
6 ~~VEHICLE ROUTE COMPRISING ONE OR MORE HIGHWAYS THAT:~~

7 ~~(1) HAVE A LOAD RATING OF AT LEAST 40 TONS (80,000 POUNDS) BUT~~
8 ~~NOT EXCEEDING 50 TONS (100,000 POUNDS); AND~~

9 ~~(2) ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY~~
10 ~~ADMINISTRATION.~~

11 ~~(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE STATE~~
12 ~~HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A PERMIT AUTHORIZING AN OVERWEIGHT~~
13 ~~VEHICLE THAT HAS AT LEAST SIX AXLES TO USE A HEAVY WEIGHT CORRIDOR.~~

14 ~~(C) A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION:~~

15 ~~(1) AUTHORIZES THE PERMITTED VEHICLE TO CARRY UP TO 50 TONS~~
16 ~~(100,000 POUNDS);~~

17 ~~(2) SHALL BE VALID FOR A 12 MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF~~
18 ~~ISSUANCE;~~

19 ~~(3) MAY BE RENEWED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER ON EXPIRATION;~~

20 ~~(4) AUTHORIZES THE PERMIT HOLDER TO OPERATE THE~~
21 ~~OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE ON A HEAVY WEIGHT CORRIDOR AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY,~~
22 ~~WITHOUT RESTRICTION; AND~~

23 ~~(5) HAS AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$100.~~

24 24-109.

25 (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE
26 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE FOR WHICH A PERMIT IS ISSUED UNDER §
27 24-113.3 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR TRAVELING ALONG A DESIGNATED HEAVY WEIGHT
28 PORT CORRIDOR MAY NOT EXCEED 100,000 POUNDS.

29 24-113.3.

1 **(A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE**
2 **SECRETARY, BY REGULATION, MAY DETERMINE THAT A VEHICLE OR COMBINATION**
3 **OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTING MANIFESTED INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT AS THE ONLY**
4 **LOAD OF THE VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES IN A SEALED, SEAGOING**
5 **CONTAINER ON A SEMITRAILER IS TRANSPORTING AN INDIVISIBLE LOAD, PROVIDED**
6 **THAT THE VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES IS ISSUED A PERMIT UNDER THIS**
7 **SECTION AND:**

8 **(1) IS CARRYING NOT MORE THAN 100,000 POUNDS GROSS MAXIMUM**
9 **VEHICLE WEIGHT;**

10 **(2) HAS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF AXLES REQUIRED BY THE PERMIT;**

11 **(3) DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHT OR AXLE**
12 **SPACING REQUIREMENTS, AS ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION OR SPECIFIED ON THE**
13 **PERMIT;**

14 **(4) IS TRAVELING ONLY DURING THE HOURS AS ESTABLISHED BY**
15 **REGULATION OR SPECIFIED ON THE PERMIT;**

16 **(5) ADHERES TO A UNIQUE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT SPECIFIED ON**
17 **THE PERMIT; AND**

18 **(6) IS TRAVELING ONLY ON STATE OR COUNTY HIGHWAYS THAT ARE:**

19 **(i) ON THE SPECIFIC ROUTE ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION**
20 **AND SPECIFIED ON THE PERMIT BETWEEN THE SEAGIRT MARINE TERMINAL AND A**
21 **DESTINATION AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY, WITH NO DEVIATION FROM THE**
22 **SPECIFIC ROUTE; AND**

23 **(ii) SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY AS BEING**
24 **PART OF A "HEAVY WEIGHT PORT CORRIDOR".**

25 **(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS, CONSISTENT WITH**
26 **THIS SECTION, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR VEHICLES DESCRIBED UNDER**
27 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

28 **(2) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:**

29 **(i) MAY SET PERMIT FEES; AND**

30 **(ii) SHALL ESTABLISH AXLE AND GROSS WEIGHT**
31 **REQUIREMENTS, ROUTES, AND OTHER NECESSARY CRITERIA.**

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.