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CHAPTER ____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Load Extensions - Front-End Loading Attachments - Exception**

3 FOR the purpose of excepting a certain vehicle equipped with certain front-end loading
4 attachments and containers used in collecting garbage, rubbish, refuse, or recyclable
5 materials from a certain provision limiting the extent of a load on the front of a
6 certain vehicle to a certain length when the vehicle is actively engaged in collecting
7 garbage, rubbish, refuse, or recyclable materials; and generally relating to an
8 exception to the limit on the extent of a load on the front end of a vehicle.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article - Transportation

11 Section 24-105

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Transportation**

17 24-105.

18 (a) This section does not apply to:

19 (1) Any vehicle carrying wooden prefabricated roof trusses in an inverted
20 position, if the trusses do not extend more than 10 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body
21 of the vehicle;

22 (2) A combination of vehicles carrying an indivisible load if the load is not
23 over 70 feet long, and the load is being transported during daylight hours; or

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1 (3) Any vehicle or combination of vehicles carrying:

2 (i) Piling, poles, or mill logs;

3 (ii) Nursery stock; or

4 (iii) Crew or racing shells.

5 (b) Subject to the maximum length limits of § 24-104.1 of this subtitle, the load on
6 any vehicle operated alone or the load on the front vehicle of a combination of vehicles:

7 (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, may
8 not extend more than 3 feet beyond the foremost part of the vehicle; AND

9 (2) MAY EXTEND MORE THAN 3 FEET BEYOND THE FOREMOST PART OF
10 A VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH FRONT-END LOADING ATTACHMENTS AND
11 CONTAINERS USED IN COLLECTING GARBAGE, RUBBISH, REFUSE, OR RECYCLABLE
12 MATERIALS WHEN THE VEHICLE IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN COLLECTING GARBAGE,
13 RUBBISH, REFUSE, OR RECYCLABLE MATERIALS.

14 (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, and subject to
15 the maximum length limits of § 24-104.1 of this subtitle, the load on any vehicle operated
16 alone or the load on the rear vehicle of a combination of vehicles may not extend more
17 than 6 feet beyond the rear of the bed or body of the vehicle.

18 (2) (i) The load on the rear of an automobile or boat transporter,
19 including any retractable device on the rear of a combination of vehicles engaged in the
20 transportation of automobiles in use to support a transported vehicle, may not extend
21 more than 4 feet beyond the rear of the permanent bed or body of the automobile; and

22 (ii) A white, red, or orange fluorescent warning flag made of a
23 reflective material at least 18 inches square shall be displayed on the rearmost portion of
24 the overhanging transported vehicle.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 July 1, 1997.