

HOUSE BILL 56

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ENROLLED BILL

-- Commerce and Government Matters/Judicial Proceedings --

Introduced by **Delegate D. Hughes**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Weight Tolerances - Agricultural Products**

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 24-108(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 24-108.

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

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

17 (i) Wheat, for the period from June 1 to August 15;

18 (ii) Corn, for the period from July 1 to December 1; ~~and~~

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

21 (IV) VEGETABLE CROPS FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1 TO
22 OCTOBER 31.

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

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
29 July 1, 1998.