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By: **Chairman, Judicial Proceedings Committee (Departmental -
Transportation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commercial Vehicles - Ban on Hazardous Material Hauling for Combination**
3 **Trailers - Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a prohibition against transporting certain hazardous
5 materials on certain tractor-trailer combination vehicles.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Transportation
8 Section 24-104.2(a)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Transportation
13 Section 24-104.2(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Transportation**

19 24-104.2.

20 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title and subject to subsections
21 (b), (c), and (d) of this section, a person may operate a semitrailer (single) in
22 combination with a truck tractor that exceeds 48 feet in length up to a length not to
23 exceed 53 feet.

24 (c) A vehicle combination operating under this section may operate in this
25 State only under the following conditions:

1 (1) The wheelbase of the semitrailer, measured as the distance from the
2 kingpin to the center of the rear tandem axles, may not exceed 41 feet in length.

3 (2) The kingpin setback, measured as the distance from the kingpin to
4 the front of the semitrailer, may not exceed 4 feet in length.

5 (3) The rear overhang, measured as the distance from the center of the
6 rear tandem axles to the rear of the semitrailer, may not exceed 35 percent of the
7 wheelbase of the semitrailer.

8 (4) (i) The width of the semitrailer shall be at least 96 inches and not
9 more than 102 inches.

10 (ii) The distance between the outside edges of the semitrailer's tires
11 shall be equal to the width of the semitrailer.

12 (5) The semitrailer shall be equipped with:

13 (i) Vehicle lights which comply with or exceed federal standards;
14 and

15 (ii) After December 31, 1993, or a date established by the Secretary
16 that is at least 6 months after the effective date of the applicable federal standards,
17 whichever is later, reflective material that is consistent with the standards for
18 conspicuity promulgated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

19 (6) The semitrailer shall be equipped with a rear underride guard of
20 sufficient strength to prevent a motor vehicle from penetrating underneath the
21 semitrailer. The rear underride guard shall extend across the rear of the semitrailer
22 to within 4 inches of the lateral extremities of the semitrailer, and placed at a height
23 not exceeding 22 inches from the surface as measured when the semitrailer is on a
24 level surface.

25 (7) Conspicuous warnings shall be displayed on the semitrailer, in a
26 manner prescribed by the Administration, indicating that the vehicle combination has
27 a wide turning radius.

28 [(8) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, a
29 combination of vehicles may not transport any Class A or B explosives, poison gas,
30 flammable gas and flammable liquids when carried as cargo, flammable solids if
31 dangerous when wet, radioactive materials, and uranium hexofluoride.

32 (ii) Subparagraph (i) of this paragraph does not apply to the
33 transport of flammable liquids when packaged in a nonbulk quantity.]

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
35 effect October 1, 1999.