

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 327 (Delegate Edwards)

Commerce and Government Matters

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**Vehicle Laws - Truck Weight Enforcement - Permissible Adjustments**

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This bill allows a driver in a “rural county,” who is transporting loose material in bulk that was loaded in an off-highway location a 3-hour opportunity to adjust the load to meet required axle limitations. This opportunity must only be provided to those vehicles that do not exceed the registered gross maximum weight limit or an axle limitation, adjusted for any applicable tolerance, by more than 3,000 pounds. If the driver elects to not shift the load, or if the load is shifted and still exceeds the weight limit adjusted by any applicable weight tolerance, the police officer may take normal enforcement actions.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. Because it is assumed that the bill will apply in a limited number of cases, State finances should not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of State Police, Anne Arundel County, Garrett County, Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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