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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 376  
Finance

(Senator Hafer)

Environmental Matters

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**Garrett County - Gross Weight of Vehicles - County Roads**

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This bill authorizes the county commissioners of Garrett County to establish, by ordinance, the authorized gross maximum weight of a vehicle that has at least six axles, is a tractor trailer and semi-trailer combination, and is using any part of Table Rock Road and Wilson Run Road in Garrett County that is owned and maintained by the county. The established gross maximum weight may not exceed 87,000 pounds.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. This bill is not expected to affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None. Garrett County reports the bill's requirements could be met with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Except as otherwise provided, any vehicle with a gross maximum weight exceeding 73,000 pounds may travel only on State highways, except while making a delivery or pickup, and then only if traveling by the shortest available legal route to or from the State highway for those purposes. The shortest available legal route in Baltimore City must be on designated truck routes only. However, if approved by the State Highway Administration and the local government, in Dorchester County a vehicle with a gross maximum weight exceeding 73,000 pounds may use Linkwood Road when traveling between East New Market and Linkwood.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** This bill is similar to HB 831/SB 636 of the 2003 session. HB 831 received an unfavorable report from the Environmental Matters Committee. SB 636 received an unfavorable report from the Finance Committee.

**Cross File:** HB 466 (Delegate Edwards) – Environmental Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Garrett County, Maryland Department of Transportation, Department of Legislative Services

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