

SENATE BILL 1038

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(9lr3253)

ENROLLED BILL

— Judicial Proceedings/Environment and Transportation —

Introduced by **Senator Salling**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~State Highway Administration – Overweight Vehicle Permits~~
3 Vehicle Laws – Overweight Vehicles – Heavy Weight Port Corridor Permit

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the ~~State Highway Administration to issue permits~~
5 ~~allowing certain overweight vehicles to operate on certain highways designated by~~
6 ~~the Administration; establishing certain terms for a permit; establishing a certain~~
7 ~~annual fee for the permit; defining a certain term; and generally relating to State~~
8 ~~Highway Administration permits for overweight vehicles~~ Secretary of
9 Transportation to determine that a vehicle or combination of vehicles transporting
10 certain freight is an indivisible load authorized to obtain a certain overweight vehicle
11 permit under certain circumstances; establishing certain conditions for a vehicle
12 issued a permit under this Act, including a requirement to travel only on roads
13 designated as being part of a “heavy weight port corridor”; establishing a certain
14 maximum gross vehicle weight for a vehicle with a permit for traveling on a heavy
15 weight port corridor; ~~establishing a certain maximum gross vehicle weight for a~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



~~vehicle with a permit for traveling on a heavy weight port corridor; requiring the Secretary to adopt certain regulations for the issuance of permits under this Act; and generally relating to a heavy weight port corridor permit.~~

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section ~~24-112.2~~ 24-109(i) and 24-113.3

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Transportation

~~24-112.2.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, “HEAVY WEIGHT CORRIDOR” MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE ROUTE COMPRISING ONE OR MORE HIGHWAYS THAT:~~

~~(1) HAVE A LOAD RATING OF AT LEAST 40 TONS (80,000 POUNDS) BUT NOT EXCEEDING 50 TONS (100,000 POUNDS); AND~~

~~(2) ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.~~

~~(B) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY ISSUE A PERMIT AUTHORIZING AN OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE THAT HAS AT LEAST SIX AXLES TO USE A HEAVY WEIGHT CORRIDOR.~~

~~(C) A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION:~~

~~(1) AUTHORIZES THE PERMITTED VEHICLE TO CARRY UP TO 50 TONS (100,000 POUNDS);~~

~~(2) SHALL BE VALID FOR A 12-MONTH PERIOD FROM THE DATE OF ISSUANCE;~~

~~(3) MAY BE RENEWED BY THE PERMIT HOLDER ON EXPIRATION;~~

~~(4) AUTHORIZES THE PERMIT HOLDER TO OPERATE THE OVERWEIGHT VEHICLE ON A HEAVY WEIGHT CORRIDOR AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY, WITHOUT RESTRICTION; AND~~

~~(5) HAS AN ANNUAL FEE OF \$100.~~

1 24-109.

2 (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE
3 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE FOR WHICH A PERMIT IS ISSUED UNDER §
4 24-113.3 OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR TRAVELING ALONG A DESIGNATED HEAVY WEIGHT
5 PORT CORRIDOR MAY NOT EXCEED 100,000 POUNDS.

6 24-113.3.

7 (A) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS TITLE, THE
8 SECRETARY, BY REGULATION, MAY DETERMINE THAT A VEHICLE OR COMBINATION
9 OF VEHICLES TRANSPORTING MANIFESTED INTERNATIONAL FREIGHT AS THE ONLY
10 LOAD OF THE VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES IN A SEALED, SEAGOING
11 CONTAINER ON A SEMITRAILER IS TRANSPORTING AN INDIVISIBLE LOAD, PROVIDED
12 THAT THE VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES IS ISSUED A PERMIT UNDER THIS
13 SECTION AND:

14 (1) IS CARRYING NOT MORE THAN 100,000 POUNDS GROSS MAXIMUM
15 VEHICLE WEIGHT;

16 (2) HAS THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF AXLES REQUIRED BY THE PERMIT;

17 (3) DOES NOT EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AXLE WEIGHT OR AXLE
18 SPACING REQUIREMENTS, AS ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION OR SPECIFIED ON THE
19 PERMIT;

20 (4) IS TRAVELING ONLY DURING THE HOURS AS ESTABLISHED BY
21 REGULATION OR SPECIFIED ON THE PERMIT;

22 (5) ADHERES TO A UNIQUE MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT SPECIFIED ON
23 THE PERMIT; AND

24 (6) IS TRAVELING ONLY ON STATE OR COUNTY HIGHWAYS THAT ARE:

25 (I) ON THE SPECIFIC ROUTE ESTABLISHED BY REGULATION
26 AND SPECIFIED ON THE PERMIT BETWEEN THE SEAGIRT MARINE TERMINAL AND A
27 DESTINATION AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY, WITH NO DEVIATION FROM THE
28 SPECIFIC ROUTE; AND

29 (II) SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY AS BEING
30 PART OF A “HEAVY WEIGHT PORT CORRIDOR”.

1 **(B) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS, CONSISTENT WITH**
2 **THIS SECTION, FOR THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR VEHICLES DESCRIBED UNDER**
3 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

4 **(2) THE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:**

5 **(I) MAY SET PERMIT FEES; AND**

6 **(II) SHALL ESTABLISH AXLE AND GROSS WEIGHT**
7 **REQUIREMENTS, ROUTES, AND OTHER NECESSARY CRITERIA.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.