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# H. R. 2453

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 2019

Mr. GALLAGHER (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, and Mr. GOLDEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Safe Routes Act of  
5 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. VEHICLE WEIGHT EXEMPTIONS.**

7 Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is  
8 amended by adding at the end the following:

9 “(v) CERTAIN LOGGING VEHICLES.—

1           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall waive,  
2           with respect to a covered logging vehicle, the appli-  
3           cation of any vehicle weight limit established under  
4           this section.

5           “(2) COVERED LOGGING VEHICLE DEFINED.—  
6           In this subsection, the term ‘covered logging vehicle’  
7           means a vehicle that—

8                   “(A) is transporting raw or unfinished for-  
9                   est products, including logs, pulpwood, biomass,  
10                  or wood chips;

11                  “(B) is traveling a distance not greater  
12                  than 150 air miles on the Interstate from origin  
13                  to a storage or processing facility; and

14                  “(C) meets State legal weight tolerances  
15                  and vehicle configurations for transporting raw  
16                  or unfinished forest products within the State  
17                  boundaries in which the vehicle is operating.

18           “(3) APPLICATION OF WEIGHT TOLERANCES.—  
19           The waiver in this subsection shall only apply with  
20           respect to a State legal weight tolerance in effect on  
21           the date of enactment of this subsection.”.

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