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S. 1509

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mr. PERDUE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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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 EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN LOG-**
7 **GING VEHICLES.**

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

1 “(v) CERTAIN LOGGING VEHICLES.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall waive,
3 for a covered logging vehicle, the application of any
4 vehicle weight limit established under this section.

5 “(2) APPLICATION OF WEIGHT TOLERANCES.—
6 The waiver under this subsection shall only apply
7 with respect to a State legal weight tolerance in ef-
8 fect on the date of enactment of this subsection.

9 “(3) DEFINITION OF COVERED LOGGING VEHI-
10 CLE.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered logging
11 vehicle’ means a vehicle that—

12 “(A) is transporting raw or unfinished for-
13 est products, including logs, pulpwood, biomass,
14 or wood chips;

15 “(B) is traveling a distance of not more
16 than 150 air miles on the Interstate System
17 from the point of origin to a storage or proc-
18 essing facility; and

19 “(C) meets applicable State legal weight
20 tolerances and vehicle configurations for trans-
21 porting raw or unfinished forest products within
22 the boundaries of each State in which the vehi-
23 cle is operating.”.

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