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HOUSE BILL NO. 2797

Offered January 17, 2003

A BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 18 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1149.3, relating to overweight permits for specialized mobile equipment.

Patron—Stump

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Article 18 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1149.3 as follows:

§ 46.2-1149.3. Overweight permits for specialized mobile equipment.

The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and local authorities of cities and towns, in their respective jurisdictions, upon written application made by the owner or operator, shall issue without cost an overweight permit for the operation of specialized mobile equipment. Any vehicle operating under a permit issued pursuant to this section shall have a gross weight or no more than 64,000 pounds, a single axle weight of no more than 20,000 pounds, and a tandem axle weight of no more than 44,000 pounds. Such permit shall not designate the route to be traversed nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles in their general use of the highways.

For purposes of this section, "specialized mobile equipment" means a self-propelled motor vehicle manufactured for the specific purpose of supporting well-drilling machinery on the job site and whose movement on any highway is incidental to the purpose for which it was designed and manufactured.

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