

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2007 SESSION

CHAPTER 429

An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Article 18 of Chapter 10 of Title 46.2 a section numbered 46.2-1149.5, relating to overweight permits for certain vehicles.

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Approved March 19, 2007

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 46.2-1149.5 as follows:

§ 46.2-1149.5. Overweight permits for underground pipe cleaning, hydroexcavating, and water blasting equipment.

The Commissioner and local authorities of cities and towns, in their respective jurisdictions, upon written application made by the owner or operator, shall issue an overweight permit for the operation of underground pipe cleaning, hydroexcavating, and water blasting equipment. Any vehicle operating under a permit issued pursuant to this section shall have a gross weight of 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, "underground pipe cleaning equipment" means a self-propelled motor vehicle manufactured for the specific purpose of vacuuming and cleaning underground sanitary and storm pipe. "Hydroexcavating equipment" means a self-propelled motor vehicle manufactured for the specific purpose of digging with water and vacuuming of debris. "Water blasting equipment" means a self-propelled motor vehicle manufactured for the specific purpose of waterblasting flat concrete surfaces and vacuuming spent water for reuse.

2. That the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Commonwealth Transportation Board, shall recommend legislation regarding the operation of vehicles pursuant to the provisions of this act. Such proposed legislation shall be presented to the Governor and Chairmen of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation no later than December 1, 2007.