

**Virginia Department of Transportation
2007 Fiscal Impact Statement (Regular Session)**

1. Bill Number: SB 1321 Enr 1

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed

Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Houck, R.

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Allowable weight limit increase for tank wagon vehicles for a yearly fee of \$800 till July 1, 2008; study

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill proposes an increase in allowable axle loads for tank wagon vehicles as defined in the Code of Virginia, Section 58.1-2201. This bill also requires VDOT to conduct a study of the damage sustained to Virginia highways that are attributed to overweight vehicles, including those authorized under this section and to develop a recommended fee schedule for permits to be issued pursuant to this bill on or after July 1, 2008. For the period from July 1, 2007 to July 1, 2008, the bill establishes an annual overweight permit fee of \$800 for each eligible vehicle.

6. Fiscal Impacts are unavailable

7. Budget amendment necessary: NO

8. Fiscal implications: Trucks on the roads with increased loads will negatively impact highway infrastructure. Increased loading will decrease the service life of the pavements and bridges. This bill will cause accelerated pavement damage over time, resulting in more frequent needs for repairs which, in turn, creates more work zones, congestions and inconvenience for the traveling public. Increased axle load will also increase damage to bridges.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VDOT, DMV and all counties in the Commonwealth

10. Technical amendment necessary: NO

11. Other comments: NO

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cc: Secretary of Transportation