

**Virginia Department of Transportation
2009 Fiscal Impact Statement (Regular Session)**

1. Bill Number: HB 1622

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Bowling, D.

3. Committee: Pending

4. Title: Allowable weight increase for trucks hauling gravel, sand, or crushed stone.

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill repeals the July 1, 2009, sunset on the statute granting trucks hauling gravel, sand, or crushed stone no more than 85 miles within the Commonwealth of Virginia from the preparation plant, loading dock or railroad, in counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases, the same weight limits prescribed for the coal trucks.

6. Fiscal Impacts are unavailable

7. Budget amendment necessary: NO

8. Fiscal implications: More trucks on the roads with increased size and weights 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 need for repairs. Such repairs, in turn, create more work zones, congestion and inconvenience for the traveling public. Increased axle loads will also increase damage to bridges.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: VDOT, DMV, and counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases.

10. Technical amendment necessary: NO

11. Other comments: This bill is similar to HB 1752.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation