

Virginia Department Of Transportation
2010 Fiscal Impact Statement (Regular Session)

1. Bill Number: HB 473 Eng 1

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☒ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Carrico, C.

3. Committee: Senate Transportation

4. Title: Allowable weight increases for trucks hauling gravel, sand, and crushed stone

5. Summary/Purpose:

This bill extends until July 1, 2011, the sunset clause 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, and no more than 50 miles from origin to destination, in counties that impose a severance tax on coal and gases, the same weight limits prescribed for coal trucks.

6. Fiscal Impacts are unavailable

7. Budget amendment necessary: NO

8. Fiscal implications: More trucks on the road with increased size and weights will negatively impact highway infrastructure. Increased loading will decrease the service life of the pavement and bridges. This bill will result in accelerated pavement damage over time, resulting in more frequent need for repair. 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: NO

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cc: Secretary of Transportation