

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend the Code of Virginia by adding a section numbered 46.2-1148.1, relating to overweight*
3 *permits for hauling forest products.*

4 [S 989]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding a section numbered 46.2-1148.1 as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-1148.1. Overweight permit for hauling forest products.**9 *A. For purposes of this section, "forest products" means raw logs to market and wood residuals,*
10 *including wood chips, sawdust, mulch, and tree bark.*11 *B. In addition to other permits provided for in this article, the Commissioner, upon written*
12 *application by the owner or operator of any vehicle hauling forest products transported from the place*
13 *where they are first produced, cut, harvested, or felled to the location where they are first processed,*
14 *shall issue permits for overweight operation of such vehicles as provided in this section. Such permits*
15 *shall allow the vehicles to have a single-axle weight of no more than 24,000 pounds, a tandem-axle*
16 *weight of no more than 40,000 pounds, and a tri-axle grouping weight of no more than 50,000 pounds.*
17 *Additionally, any five-axle combination having a minimum of 48 feet between the first and last axle may*
18 *have a gross weight of no more than 90,000 pounds, any four-axle combination may have a gross*
19 *weight of no more than 70,000 pounds, any three-axle combination may have a gross weight of no more*
20 *than 60,000 pounds, and any two-axle combination may have a gross weight of no more than 40,000*
21 *pounds.*22 *C. No permit issued under this section shall designate the route to be traversed or contain*
23 *restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles in their general use of the highways. However,*
24 *no such permit shall authorize violation of the length limitations in § 46.2-1149.2 or any weight*
25 *limitation applicable to bridges or culverts, as promulgated and posted in accordance with § 46.2-1130.*
26 *Nothing contained in this section shall authorize any extension of weight limits provided in § 46.2-1127*
27 *for operation on interstate highways.*28 *D. The fee for a permit issued under this section shall be as provided in § 46.2-1140.1. Only the*
29 *Commissioner may issue a permit under this section.*30 *E. Each vehicle when loaded according to the provisions of a permit issued under this section shall*
31 *be operated at a reduced speed as provided in § 46.2-872.*

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