

1 VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

2 *An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1148 of the Code of Virginia, relating to overweight permits for*
3 *hauling Virginia-grown farm produce; bridges and culverts.*

4 [S 73]

5 Approved

6 **Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**7 **1. That § 46.2-1148 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**8 **§ 46.2-1148. Overweight permit for hauling Virginia-grown farm produce.**

9 In addition to other permits provided for in this article, the Commissioner, upon written application
10 by the owner or operator of any vehicle hauling farm produce grown in Virginia from the point of
11 origin to the first place of delivery, shall issue permits for overweight operation of such vehicles as
12 provided in this section. Such permits shall allow the vehicles to have a single axle weight of no more
13 than 24,000 pounds, a tandem axle weight of no more than 40,000 pounds, and a tri-axle grouping
14 weight of no more than 50,000 pounds. Additionally, any five-axle combination *having no less than 42*
15 *feet of axle space between extreme axles* may have a gross weight of no more than 90,000 pounds, any
16 four-axle combination, may have a gross weight of not more than 70,000 pounds, any three-axle
17 combination may have a gross weight of no more than 60,000 pounds, and any two-axle combination
18 may have a gross weight of no more than 40,000 pounds.

19 Except as otherwise provided in this section, no such permit shall designate the route to be traversed
20 nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles in their general use of the
21 highways.

22 No permit issued under this section shall authorize any vehicle ~~whose axle weights or axle spacing~~
23 ~~would not be permissible under §§ 46.2-1122 through 46.2-1127 to cross any bridge constituting a part~~
24 ~~of any public road to violate any weight limitation applicable to bridges or culverts, as promulgated and~~
25 ~~posted in accordance with § 46.2-1130.~~ Nothing contained in this section shall authorize any extension
26 of weight limits provided in § 46.2-1127 for operation on interstate highways.

27 The fee for a permit issued under this section shall be \$45, to be allocated as follows: (i) \$40 to the
28 Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund established pursuant to § 33.2-1530, with a portion equal to
29 the percentage of the Commonwealth's total lane miles represented by the lane miles eligible for
30 maintenance payments pursuant to §§ 33.2-319 and 33.2-366 being redistributed on the basis of lane
31 miles to the applicable localities pursuant to §§ 33.2-319 and 33.2-366, to be used to assist in funding
32 needed highway pavement and bridge maintenance and rehabilitation and (ii) a \$5 administrative fee to
33 the Department.

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