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HOUSE BILL NO. 1346

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-1142 and 46.2-1142.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to extension of overweight limits available by permit for vehicles used to haul concrete.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That §§ 46.2-1142 and 46.2-1142.1 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 46.2-1142. Overweight permits for concrete haulers.

The Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner and local authorities of cities and towns, in their respective jurisdictions, upon written application made by the owner or operator, shall issue overweight permits for operation of certain vehicles used to haul concrete. Permits under this section shall be issued only for three-axle *or four-axle* vehicles used exclusively for the mixing of concrete in transit or at a project site or for transporting necessary components in a compartmentalized vehicle to produce concrete immediately upon arrival at a project site. Any vehicle operating under a permit issued pursuant to this section shall have a gross weight of no more than 60,000 pounds *for three-axle vehicles and 74,000 pounds for four-axle vehicles*, a single axle weight of no more than 20,000 pounds, ~~and~~ a tandem axle weight of no more than 40,000 pounds, *and a tri-axle grouping weight of no more than 54,000 pounds*. Such permits shall be issued without cost. Such permit shall not designate the route to be traversed nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles in their general use of the highways.

Each vehicle, when loaded according to the provisions of a permit issued under this section, shall be operated at a reduced speed. The reduced speed limit is to be ten miles per hour slower than the legal speed limit in fifty-five, forty-five and thirty-five miles per hour speed limit zones.

§ 46.2-1142.1. Extensions of overweight limits authorized under § 46.2-1142 for vehicles used to haul concrete; fees.

Owners or operators of vehicles used exclusively to haul concrete may apply for permits to extend the single axle weight limit of 20,000 pounds ~~and~~, the tandem axle weight limit of 40,000, *the four axle weight of 74,000 pounds, the tri-axle grouping weight of 54,000 pounds, and the three axle weight of 60,000 pounds* provided for in § 46.2-1142, by the percentages and upon payment of the fees set forth in this section:

Percentage	Fee for Permit
1%	\$35
2	75
3	115
4	160
5	200

Permits issued under this section shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. No permit issued under this section shall authorize any extension of the limitation provided for in § 46.2-1127 for interstate highways, nor authorize violations of any weight limitation for bridges or culverts promulgated and posted in accordance with § 46.2-1130.

The Commissioner shall make the permit available to vehicles registered outside the Commonwealth under the same conditions and restrictions which are applicable to vehicles registered within the Commonwealth. The Commissioner may promulgate regulations governing such permits. Except as provided in this section and § 46.2-1142, no weights in excess of those authorized by law shall be tolerated.

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