

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

**1. Bill Number: HB 473**

**House of Origin** ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

**Second House** ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

**2. Patron: Carrico, C.**

**3. Committee: House Transportation**

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

**5. Summary/Purpose:**

This bill repeals the July 1, 2010, sunset on the statute authorizing 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 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: NO**

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cc: Secretary of Transportation