

# 2021 SPECIAL SESSION I

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## VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

*An Act to amend and reenact § 46.2-1129.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to motor vehicle weight limits; vehicles powered primarily by electric battery power or fueled primarily by natural gas.*

[H 1850]

Approved

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**

**1. That § 46.2-1129.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

**§ 46.2-1129.2. Further extension of weight limits for vehicles fueled by natural gas or powered by means of electric battery power.**

A. On any highway other than an interstate highway, any motor vehicle that is fueled, wholly or partially, by natural gas *or powered primarily by means of electric battery power* shall be allowed up to an additional 2,000 pounds total in gross, single axle, tandem axle, or bridge formula weight limits, *provided that such weight is on the power unit.*

To be eligible for this exception, the operator of the vehicle must be able to demonstrate that the vehicle is a natural gas vehicle, a bi-fuel vehicle using natural gas, ~~or~~ a vehicle that has been converted to a natural gas vehicle, *or a vehicle that is powered primarily by means of electric battery power.*

B. On an interstate highway, any motor vehicle that is fueled primarily by natural gas *or powered primarily by means of electric battery power* may exceed the weight limits provided in § 46.2-1127 ~~by an amount equal to the difference between (i) the weight of the vehicle attributable to the natural gas tank and fueling system carried by that vehicle and (ii) the weight of a comparable diesel fuel tank and fueling system~~ *by up to an additional 2,000 pounds, provided that such weight is on the power unit.* However, the gross weight of such vehicle shall not exceed 82,000 pounds.

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