

House Bill 279 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Floyd of the 147th, Roberts of the 154th, Royal of the 171st, Crawford of the 127th, James of the 135th, and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-6-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 weight of vehicle and load, so as to change certain provisions relating to weight limitations
3 for certain types of vehicles; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
4 for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Code Section 32-6-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weight of
8 vehicle and load, is amended by striking subsection (g) of said Code section and inserting in
9 its place the following:

10 "(g)(1) The weight limitations provided for in this Code section, except the limitation in
11 subsections (f) and (h) of this Code section, may be exceeded on any public road within
12 this state which is not a national highway, or when making a pickup or delivery on any
13 public road of a county road system, without a permit only when the load on any single
14 axle does not exceed 23,000 pounds, the load on any tandem axle does not exceed 46,000
15 pounds, and the maximum total gross weight of the vehicle and load does not exceed
16 80,000 pounds when:

- 17 (A) Hauling forest products from the forest where cut to the ~~owner's place of business,~~
18 ~~plant, plantation, or residence~~ first point of marketing or processing;
- 19 (B) Hauling live poultry or cotton from a farm to a processing plant;
- 20 (C) Hauling feed from a feed mill to a farm;
- 21 (D) Hauling granite, either block or sawed, or any other naturally occurring raw ore or
22 mineral for further processing, from the quarry or stockpile area to a processing plant
23 located in the same or an adjoining county;
- 24 (E) Hauling solid waste or recovered materials from points of generation to a solid
25 waste handling facility or other processing facility; or

1 (F) Hauling concrete that is in a freshly mixed and unhardened state for delivery to a
2 customer located in the same or an adjoining county.

3 No lift axle may be used in computing the maximum total gross weight authorized for
4 any vehicle or load under this paragraph.

5 (2) A vehicle which is hauling the products listed in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of
6 paragraph (1) of this subsection or which is hauling any other agricultural or farm product
7 from a farm to the first point of marketing or processing shall be permitted a 5 percent
8 variance from the weight limitations in paragraph (1) of this subsection within a 100 mile
9 radius of the farm or point of origin. Any person who violates the load limitations
10 provided for in this paragraph by exceeding the 5 percent variance shall be fined on the
11 basis of the weight limitations of paragraph (1) of this subsection and not on the basis of
12 the variance allowed by this paragraph.

13 ~~(2)~~(3) Any vehicle carrying a load as authorized in this subsection at night shall be
14 equipped with lights clearly visible for a distance of not less than 300 feet from the front
15 and rear of the vehicle."

16 **SECTION 2.**

17 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.