

House Bill 981

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,
2 relating to dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads, so as to provide that concrete
3 haulers are entitled to the same weight variance granted to feed and granite haulers; to
4 provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
5 other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
9 dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads, is amended in Code Section 32-6-26, relating
10 to weight of vehicle and load, by revising subsection (g) as follows:

11 "(g)(1) The weight limitations provided for in this Code section, except the limitation in
12 subsections (f) and (h) of this Code section, may be exceeded on any public road within
13 this state which is not an interstate highway, or when making a pickup or delivery on any
14 public road of a county road system, without a permit only when the load on any single
15 axle does not exceed 23,000 pounds, the load on any tandem axle does not exceed 46,000
16 pounds, and the maximum total gross weight of the vehicle and load does not exceed
17 80,000 pounds when:

18 (A) Hauling forest products from the forest where cut to the first point of marketing or
19 processing;

20 (B) Hauling live poultry or cotton from a farm to a processing plant;

21 (C) Hauling feed from a feed mill to a farm;

22 (D) Hauling granite, either block or sawed, or any other naturally occurring raw ore or
23 mineral for further processing, from the quarry or stockpile area to a processing plant
24 located in the same or an adjoining county and construction aggregates hauled to any
25 point, unless otherwise prohibited;

1 (E) Hauling solid waste or recovered materials from points of generation to a solid
2 waste handling facility or other processing facility; or

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

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

7 (2) A vehicle which is hauling the products listed in subparagraph (A) or (B) of
8 paragraph (1) of this subsection or which is hauling any other agricultural or farm product
9 from a farm to the first point of marketing or processing shall be permitted a 5 percent
10 variance from the weight limitations in paragraph (1) of this subsection within a 100 mile
11 radius of the farm or point of origin. Any person who violates the load limitations
12 provided for in this paragraph by exceeding the 5 percent variance per single axle,
13 tandem axle, or maximum total gross weight shall be fined on the basis of the weight
14 limitations of paragraph (1) of this subsection, including the variance allowed by this
15 paragraph.

16 (3) A vehicle which is hauling the products listed in subparagraph (C), ~~or (D),~~ or (F) of
17 paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be permitted a 5 percent variance from the weight
18 limitations in paragraph (1) of this subsection within a 100 mile radius of the farm or
19 point of origin. Any person who violates the load limitations provided for in this
20 paragraph by exceeding the 5 percent variance per single axle, tandem axle, or maximum
21 total gross weight shall be fined on the basis of the weight limitations of paragraph (1)
22 of this subsection and not on the basis of the variance allowed by this paragraph.

23 (4) Any vehicle carrying a load as authorized in this subsection at night shall be equipped
24 with lights clearly visible for a distance of not less than 300 feet from the front and rear
25 of the vehicle."

26 SECTION 2.

27 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2008.

28 SECTION 3.

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