

House Bill 793

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32, relating to dimensions and weight of vehicles
2 and loads, so as to provide for an exception to dimension and weight load requirements for
3 emergency tows of commercial vehicles; to provide for an increase in the maximum vehicle
4 load length for the issuance of an annual permit; to provide for related matters; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for 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 vehicle loads, is amended by adding a new Code section to read
10 as follows:

11 "32-6-25.2.

12 The limitations of Code Section 32-6-23 as to width and Code Section 32-6-24 as to length
13 shall not apply to any vehicle or equipment used in an emergency tow of a disabled,
14 damaged, or wrecked commercial vehicle when such vehicle or equipment is being
15 operated upon any public road not part of The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate
16 and Defense Highways by the owner thereof or his or her agent and is within 100 miles of
17 the initial emergency tow pick up location."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said article is further amended in Code Section 32-6-28, relating to permits for excess weight
20 and dimensions for loads on vehicles, by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (b) as follows:

21 "(1) **Annual permit.** The commissioner or an official of the department designated by
22 the commissioner may, pursuant to this Code section, issue an annual permit which shall
23 permit a vehicle to be operated on the public roads of this state for 12 months from the
24 date the permit is issued even though the vehicle or its load exceeds the maximum limits

25 specified in this article. However, except as specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection,
26 an annual permit shall not authorize the operation of a vehicle:

27 (A) Whose total gross weight exceeds 100,000 pounds;

28 (B) Whose single axle weight exceeds 25,000 pounds;

29 (C) Whose total load length exceeds ~~100~~ 125 feet;

30 (D) Whose total width exceeds 102 inches or whose load width exceeds 144 inches;

31 or

32 (E) Whose height exceeds 14 feet and six inches."

33 **SECTION 3.**

34 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.