

Senate Bill 218

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Jackson of the 24th, Mullis of the 53rd,
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AS PASSED SENATE

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 for qualifications
3 for the issuance of annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permits; to provide for related
4 matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32, relating to dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads,
8 is amended by revising paragraph (3) of subsection (b) of Code Section 32-6-28, relating to
9 permits for excess weight and dimensions, to read as follows:

10 "(3) **Annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit.** Pursuant to this Code
11 section, the commissioner may issue an annual permit for vehicles towing disabled,
12 damaged, abandoned, or wrecked commercial vehicles, including combination vehicles,
13 even though such wrecker or its load exceeds the maximum limits specified in this article.
14 ~~However, an~~ An annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit shall not authorize
15 the operation of a vehicle:

16 (A) Whose single axle weight exceeds ~~21,000~~ 25,000 pounds;

17 (B) Whose load on ~~any one~~ one tandem axle exceeds ~~40,000~~ 50,000 pounds and whose
18 load on any secondary tandem axle exceeds 38,000 pounds; or

19 (C) Whose total load length exceeds 125 feet."

20 **SECTION 2.**

21 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.