

House Bill 411

By: Representatives Watson of the 172nd, LaRiccia of the 169th, Shaw of the 176th, Corbett of the 174th, Williams of the 119th, 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 vehicles and loads, so as to provide for the maximum total gross weight for
3 vehicles hauling unfinished wood products when traveling on noninterstate highways; to
4 provide for no restrictions on the weight for vehicle axles hauling such products so long as
5 certain restrictions are met; to provide for a variance for vehicles hauling such products; to
6 provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for
7 other purposes.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

9 **SECTION 1.**

10 Code Section 32-6-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weight of
11 vehicles and loads, is amended by revising subsection (c) as follows:

12 "(c)(1)(A) ~~On~~ Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, on all highways
13 within this state which are not interstate highways, the maximum total gross weight
14 authorized for any vehicle and load shall not exceed 80,000 pounds; the maximum load
15 authorized on any single axle shall be as provided in subsection (b) of this Code
16 section; the maximum load on any tandem axle shall be 40,680 pounds; and subject to
17 subparagraph (B) and subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, the maximum total gross
18 weight authorized for any vehicle and load shall be the maximum load authorized on
19 any single axle multiplied by the number of axles with which the vehicle is equipped.

20 (B) For vehicles and loads with an actual total gross weight between 73,280 pounds
21 and 80,000 pounds, the maximum total gross weight authorized for the vehicle and load
22 shall be determined by applying the state bridge formula.

23 (C) For any vehicle equipped with four axles, the maximum total gross weight
24 authorized for the vehicle and load shall be 70,000 pounds.

25 (2) ~~Reserved.~~ On all highways within this state which are not interstate highways, the
26 maximum total gross weight authorized for any vehicle and load hauling unfinished wood

27 products shall not exceed 84,000 pounds; no load restrictions shall apply to any tandem
28 axle or single axle of such vehicle so long as the vehicle and load meet the limitations set
29 forth in this subsection and Code Sections 32-6-22 through 32-6-24. A vehicle hauling
30 unfinished wood products from a harvesting location to the first point of marketing or
31 processing shall be permitted a 10 percent variance from the weight limitations of this
32 paragraph within a 150 mile radius of the point of origin. For purposes of this Code
33 section, 'unfinished wood products' means any wood products not ready for retail sale to
34 a consumer.

35 (3) No lift axle may be used in computing the maximum total gross weight authorized
36 for any vehicle or load."

37 **SECTION 2.**

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