

House Bill 1034

By: Representative Coomer of the 14th

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

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

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

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

11 "(3) **Annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit.** Pursuant to this Code
12 section, the commissioner may issue an annual permit for vehicles towing disabled,
13 damaged, abandoned, replacement, or wrecked commercial vehicles, including
14 combination vehicles, even though such wrecker or its load exceeds the maximum limits
15 specified in this article. For purposes of this paragraph, the term 'replacement' shall be
16 limited to a commercial vehicle that is towed to the location of a disabled, damaged, or
17 wrecked commercial vehicle and that has a similar weight and dimension of such
18 disabled, damaged, or wrecked vehicle. An annual commercial wrecker ~~emergency~~ tow
19 permit shall not authorize the operation of a vehicle:

- 20 (A) Whose single axle weight exceeds 25,000 pounds;
21 (B) Whose load on one tandem axle exceeds 50,000 pounds and whose load on any
22 secondary tandem axle exceeds 38,000 pounds; or
23 (C) Whose total load length exceeds 125 feet."

24 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 2.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.