

axles	weight (in pounds)
Three or less	55,000
Four	66,000
Five as provided for in § 13-916 or § 13-923 of this article	79,000
	<u>80,000</u>

(e) A trailer with metal tires and a gross weight of more than 6,000 pounds may not be moved on a highway.

(f) (1) Except on interstate highways, a single unit vehicle with 3 axles, or a combination of vehicles with a trailer less than 32 feet long or a semitrailer less than 45 feet long, either registered as a farm vehicle or carrying farm products as defined under § 10-601 of the Agriculture Article that were loaded in fields or other off-highway locations, is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 5 percent from subsections (b) and (c) of this section, except during harvest time when [a] AN AXLE LOAD LIMIT tolerance of 15 percent from subsections (b) and (c) of this section is permitted for a vehicle carrying the following agricultural products:

- (i) Wheat, for the period from June 1 to August 15;
- (ii) Corn, for the period from July 1 to December 1;
- (iii) Soybeans, for the period from September 1 to December 31; and
- (iv) Vegetable crops, for the period from June 1 to October 31.

(2) (i) Except on interstate highways, a single unit vehicle with at least 3 axles or a combination of vehicles with a trailer length of less than 32 feet carrying forest products that have been loaded in forests or other similar off-highway locations is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 10 percent from subsections (b) and (c) of this section, EXCEPT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1 ~~TO~~ THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 WHEN AN AXLE LOAD LIMIT TOLERANCE OF 15 PERCENT FROM SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION IS PERMITTED.

(ii) Except on interstate highways, a combination of vehicles with a semitrailer length of 45 feet or less carrying forest products that have been loaded in forests or other similar off-highway locations is permitted an axle load limit tolerance of 5 percent from subsections (b) and (c) of this section, EXCEPT FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1 ~~TO~~ THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30 WHEN AN AXLE LOAD LIMIT TOLERANCE OF 15 PERCENT FROM SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION IS PERMITTED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

May 17, 2001

The Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr.
Speaker of the House