

House Bill 1100

By: Representatives Stephens of the 164th and Roberts of the 155th

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 operating on public roads, so as to
3 provide for a permit for vehicles which exceed the weight and dimension limits when such
4 vehicle is in operation within a 20 mile radius of a port facility or designated facility; to
5 prescribe a fee for such permits; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and
6 for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

9 Article 2 of Chapter 6 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
10 dimensions and weight of vehicles and loads operating on public roads, is amended by
11 revising subsections (b) and (c) of Code Section 32-6-28, relating to permits for excess
12 weight and dimensions, as follows:

13 **"(b) Duration and limits of permits.**

14 (1) **Annual permit.** The commissioner or an official of the department designated by
15 the commissioner may, pursuant to this Code section, issue an annual permit which shall
16 permit a vehicle to be operated on the public roads of this state for 12 months from the
17 date the permit is issued even though the vehicle or its load exceeds the maximum limits
18 specified in this article. However, except as specified in ~~paragraph~~ paragraphs (2), (3),
19 and (4) of this subsection, an annual permit shall not authorize the operation of a vehicle:

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

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

22 (C) Whose total load length exceeds 100 feet;

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

24 or

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

26 (2) **Annual permit plus.** Vehicles and loads that meet the requirements for an annual
 27 permit may apply for a special annual permit to carry wider loads on the NHS. The wider
 28 load limits shall be a maximum of 14 feet wide from the base of the load to a point 10
 29 feet above the pavement and 14 feet and eight inches for the upper portion of the load.

30 (3) **Annual port-proximate permit plus.** The commissioner or an official of the
 31 department designated by the commissioner may, pursuant to this Code section, issue an
 32 annual permit which shall permit a vehicle to be operated on the NHS for 12 months from
 33 the date the permit is issued even though the vehicle or its load exceeds the maximum
 34 limits specified in this article when such vehicle is delivering cargo to or from a
 35 deepwater port facility operated by the Georgia Ports Authority or intermodal facilities
 36 on roads designated by the General Assembly, the commissioner, or an official of the
 37 department designated by the commissioner and operating within a 20 mile radius of such
 38 location. An annual port-proximate permit shall not authorize the operation of a vehicle:

39 (A) Whose total gross weight exceeds 105,000 pounds; and

40 (B) Whose load width exceeds 14 feet wide from the base of the load to a point 10 feet
 41 above the pavement and 14 feet and eight inches for the upper portion of the load.

42 (4) **Annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit.** Pursuant to this Code
 43 section, the commissioner may issue an annual permit for vehicles towing disabled,
 44 damaged, abandoned, or wrecked commercial vehicles, including combination vehicles,
 45 even though such wrecker or its load exceeds the maximum limits specified in this article.
 46 An annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit shall not authorize the operation
 47 of a vehicle:

48 (A) Whose single axle weight exceeds 25,000 pounds;

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

51 (C) Whose total load length exceeds 125 feet.

52 ~~(4)~~(5) **Six-month permit.** Six-month permits may be issued for loads of tobacco or
 53 unginced cotton the widths of which do not exceed nine feet, provided that such loads
 54 shall not be operated on The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense
 55 Highways.

56 ~~(5)~~(6) **Single trip.** Pursuant to this Code section, the commissioner may issue a
 57 single-trip permit to any vehicle or load allowed by federal law.

58 ~~(6)~~(7) **Multitrip.** Pursuant to this Code section, the commissioner may issue a multitrip
 59 permit to any vehicle or load allowed by federal law. A multitrip permit authorizes the
 60 permitted load to return to its original destination on the same permit, if done so within
 61 ten days, with the same vehicle configuration, and following the same route, unless
 62 otherwise specified by the department. A multitrip permit authorizes unlimited permitted

63 loads on the same permit, if done so within the allowable ten days, with the same vehicle
64 configuration, and following the same route.

65 (c) **Fees.** The department may promulgate rules and regulations concerning the issuance
66 of permits and charge a fee for the issuance thereof as follows:

67 (1) **Annual.** Charges for the issuance of annual permits shall be \$150.00 per permit.

68 (2) **Annual permit plus.** Charges for the issuance of annual permits plus shall be
69 \$500.00 per permit.

70 (3) **Annual port-proximate permit plus.** Charges for the issuance of annual
71 port-proximate permits plus shall be \$500.00 per permit.

72 (4) **Annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permit.** Charges for the issuance of
73 annual commercial wrecker emergency tow permits shall be \$500.00 per permit.

74 ~~(4)~~(5) **Six months.** The charges for the issuance of six-month permits for loads of
75 tobacco or unginned cotton shall be \$25.00 per permit.

76 ~~(5)~~(6) **Single trip.** Charges for the issuance of single-trip permits shall be as follows:

77 (A) Any load not greater than 16 feet wide, not greater than 16 feet high, and
78 not weighing more than 150,000 pounds or any load greater than 100 feet long
79 which does not exceed the maximum width, height, and weight limits specified
80 by this subparagraph \$ 30.00

81 (B) **Superload permit.** Any load having a width, height, or weight exceeding
82 the maximum limit therefor specified in subparagraph (A) of this paragraph
83 and not weighing more than 180,000 pounds 125.00

84 (C) **Superload plus permit.** Any load having a weight exceeding the
85 maximum limit therefor specified in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph . . . 500.00

86 ~~(6)~~(7) **Multitrip.** Charges for the issuance of multitrip permits shall be \$100.00 for any
87 load not greater than 16 feet wide, not greater than 16 feet high, and not weighing more
88 than 150,000 pounds or any load greater than 100 feet long which does not exceed the
89 maximum width, height, and weight limits specified by this paragraph."

90 **SECTION 2.**

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