

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HB 411:

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 the issuance of permits; to provide for a variance for vehicles hauling such
5 products; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws;
6 and for other purposes.

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

8 **SECTION 1.**

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

11 "(c)(1)(A) On ~~Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection,~~ on all highways
12 within this state which are not interstate highways, the maximum total gross weight
13 authorized for any vehicle and load shall not exceed 80,000 pounds; the maximum load
14 authorized on any single axle shall be as provided in subsection (b) of this Code
15 section; the maximum load on any tandem axle shall be 40,680 pounds; and subject to
16 subparagraph (B) and subparagraph (C) of this paragraph, the maximum total gross
17 weight authorized for any vehicle and load shall be the maximum load authorized on
18 any single axle multiplied by the number of axles with which the vehicle is equipped.
19 (B) For vehicles and loads with an actual total gross weight between 73,280 pounds
20 and 80,000 pounds, the maximum total gross weight authorized for the vehicle and load
21 shall be determined by applying the state bridge formula.

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

24 (2) ~~Reserved.~~ On all highways within this state which are not interstate highways, the
25 maximum total gross weight authorized for any vehicle and load hauling unfinished wood
26 products shall not exceed 84,000 pounds, provided that a permit has been issued by the

27 commissioner or an official of the department designated by the commissioner for a fee
28 of \$250.00. A vehicle hauling unfinished wood products from a harvesting location to
29 the first point of marketing or processing shall be permitted a 5 percent variance from the
30 weight limitations of this paragraph within a 150 mile radius of the point of origin. For
31 purposes of this Code section, the term 'unfinished wood products' means any wood
32 products not ready for retail sale to a consumer.

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

35 **SECTION 2.**

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