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CALTAGIRONE, JANUARY 21, 2011

SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS
AMENDED, JUNE 25, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for the registered gross weight
3 limit of certain registration plates, IN FEES, FURTHER
4 PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL HAULING PERMITS; FURTHER PROVIDING FOR
5 USE AND DISPLAY OF ILLUMINATED SIGNS; IN EXCESSIVE SIZE AND
6 WEIGHT PERMITS, PROVIDING FOR PERMITS TO MOVE EGGS; AND
7 MAKING AN EDITORIAL CHANGE.

8 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
9 hereby enacts as follows:

10 Section 1. Sections 1307(a.1), 1338(a)(9), 1341, 1342(a),
11 (c) and (d), 1346, 1348, 1350, 1350.1, 1351, 1352, 1353,
12 1354(a), 1355, 1356, 1357, 1358, 1359(a), 1360, 1362, 1363, 1364
13 and 1365(a) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated

14 Statutes are amended to read:

15 § 1307. Period of registration.

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17 (a.1) Seasonal registration.--Upon application on a form
18 prescribed by the department, the owner or lessee of a passenger

1 car, recreational motor vehicle, motorcycle, truck ~~for~~^{or} OR farm ←
2 vehicle ~~or antique, classic and collectible vehicle~~ which does ←
3 not have a gross vehicle weight rating of more than [10,000]
4 14,000 pounds may register the vehicle with the department for a
5 period of successive months of less than one year. The applicant
6 shall specify the period of months during which the vehicle
7 shall be registered. Except when the department initially
8 converts a currently valid annual registration to a seasonal
9 registration, the annual fee prescribed for the vehicle by
10 Chapter 19 (relating to fees) shall be paid in full by the
11 applicant regardless of the number of months chosen for
12 registration by the applicant. Upon receipt of the appropriate
13 fee and the properly completed form, including all information
14 required by this chapter, the department shall issue a seasonal
15 registration that shall expire on the last day of the expiration
16 month chosen by the registrant. No insurer of a vehicle
17 belonging to any owner or lessee who obtains a seasonal
18 registration and who applies for or receives a reduced
19 automobile insurance premium on account thereof shall be
20 required to provide any contractual coverage, whether in the
21 form of the provision of a defense or the payment of first-party
22 or third-party benefits or otherwise, to the owner or lessee in
23 connection with any event occurring during that part of the year
24 in which the vehicle is not registered; and such owner or lessee
25 shall be treated for all purposes, including, without
26 limitation, ascertaining rights to stack coverages and to
27 uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage, as a person who
28 does not own that vehicle and has no duty to carry financial
29 responsibility on it for that part of the year.

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1 § 1338. Person with disability plate and placard.

2 (a) Person with disability plate.--On the application of any
3 person who:

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5 (9) is a person in loco parentis of a person specified
6 in paragraph (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7) or (8);
7 the department shall issue a special registration plate for one
8 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
9 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds, designating the vehicle so
10 licensed as being used by a person with a disability. Special
11 plates for persons with disabilities may also be issued for
12 vehicles operated exclusively for the use and benefit of persons
13 with disabilities. In the case of a motorcycle, the department
14 shall issue a decal containing the international symbol for
15 access for persons with disabilities for display on the
16 registration plate.

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18 § 1341. Special registration plates generally.

19 Upon request by the applicant, the department may issue
20 registration plates consisting of any combination of numbers,
21 letters or numbers and letters. These special plates may be
22 issued for special groups or for special purposes and bear an
23 appropriate designation. Special groups may charge a fee for
24 authorization to request a registration plate bearing the name
25 of the group. They shall have the same force and effect as
26 regular registration plates. The department may refuse any
27 combination of letters and numbers for cause and shall adopt
28 reasonable rules and regulations for the issuance of the plates
29 and for carrying out the provisions of this section. The
30 applicant shall comply with all laws and regulations pertaining

1 to registration including the payment of any additional fees.
2 The department is authorized to reissue a combination of numbers
3 or letters for a personal plate if the department records reveal
4 that no activity, such as renewal or transfer of the personal
5 registration plate, has occurred for a period of five or more
6 consecutive years and provided that the personal registration
7 plate was never reported as lost or stolen. Whenever the
8 department reissues an inactive personal plate, the department
9 may purge its records of all references to the previous owners
10 of that personal plate. The department shall, however, note upon
11 its records the reissuance of the personal plate and to whom the
12 plate was issued. The special registration plate may be used
13 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
14 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. If the vehicle is
15 licensed to a business that is not a member of the special
16 group, the department shall issue the plate as long as the
17 business owner or officer making application is a member of that
18 group.

19 § 1342. Veteran plates and placard.

20 (a) Severely disabled veteran plate.--On the application of
21 a veteran whose service-connected disability is certified at
22 100% by the service unit of the armed forces in which the
23 veteran served or by the United States Veterans' Administration
24 or who has a service-connected disability of the type enumerated
25 in section 1338 (relating to person with disability plate and
26 placard), the department shall issue a special registration
27 plate designating the vehicle as belonging to a severely
28 disabled veteran. The registration plate shall have a white
29 background, shall have blue numbers or letters as the department
30 may determine, shall have the words "disabled veteran" in at

1 least ten-point bold type inscribed in red at the bottom of the
2 plate and shall include the international symbol for access for
3 persons with disabilities. Only one special registration plate
4 shall be issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used
5 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
6 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. In the case of a
7 motorcycle, the department shall issue a decal containing the
8 international symbol for access for persons with disabilities
9 and the words "disabled veteran" for display on the registration
10 plate.

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12 (c) Disabled veteran plates.--On the application of any
13 veteran having a disability certified by the service unit of the
14 armed forces in which the veteran served or by the United States
15 Veterans' Administration as service-connected, the department
16 shall issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle
17 as belonging to a disabled veteran. The registration plate shall
18 have a white background, shall have numbers or letters as the
19 department may determine and shall have the words "disabled
20 veteran" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
21 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be
22 issued to a veteran under this section. It may be used only on a
23 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
24 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

25 (d) Prisoner of war plate.--On the application of an ex-
26 prisoner of war whose imprisonment while in the service of the
27 armed forces of the United States is certified by the
28 appropriate branch of the armed forces, the department shall
29 issue a special registration plate designating the vehicle as
30 belonging to an ex-prisoner of war. The registration plate shall

1 contain the letters "POW" and such other numbers or letters as
2 the department may determine and shall have the words "prisoner
3 of war" in at least ten-point bold type inscribed at the bottom
4 of the plate. Only one special registration plate shall be
5 issued to an ex-prisoner of war under this subsection. The
6 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
7 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than
8 [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

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10 § 1346. Special plates for recipients of Purple Heart.

11 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
12 Purple Heart, the department shall issue to such person a
13 special registration plate designating the vehicle so licensed
14 as belonging to a person who is a recipient of the Purple Heart.
15 A severely disabled veteran, as described in section 1342(a)
16 (relating to veteran plates and placard), who is qualified to
17 receive a plate under this section may also elect to receive a
18 placard under section 1342(b). The special registration plate
19 may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a registered
20 gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

21 § 1348. Special plates for Pearl Harbor survivors.

22 Upon application of any person who is a survivor of Pearl
23 Harbor, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition
24 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
25 department shall require, the department shall issue to such
26 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
27 licensed as belonging to a person who is a survivor of Pearl
28 Harbor. The special registration plate may be used only on a
29 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
30 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

1 § 1350. Special plates for veterans of Korean War.

2 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the Korean
3 War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in addition to
4 the annual registration fee, and by such documentation as the
5 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
6 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
7 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the Korean
8 War. The special registration plate may be used only on a
9 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
10 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

11 § 1350.1. Special plates for recipients of Korean Defense
12 Service Medal.

13 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
14 Korean Defense Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
15 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
16 documentation as the department shall require, the department
17 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
18 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
19 is a recipient of the Korean Defense Service Medal. The
20 department shall design and produce the special registration
21 plate. The special registration plate may be used only on a
22 passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight of not
23 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

24 § 1351. Special plates for veterans of Persian Gulf War.

25 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
26 Persian Gulf War, accompanied by a fee of \$20, which shall be in
27 addition to the annual registration fee, and by such
28 documentation as the department shall require, the department
29 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
30 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who

1 is a veteran of the Persian Gulf War. The special registration
2 plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck with a
3 registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.
4 § 1352. Wild resource conservation plate.

5 The department, in consultation with the Wild Resource
6 Conservation Board, shall design a special wild resource
7 conservation registration plate. Upon application of any person,
8 accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the
9 annual registration fee, the department shall issue the plate
10 for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a
11 registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.
12 The Wild Resource Conservation Fund shall receive \$15 of each
13 additional fee for this plate.

14 § 1353. Preserve our heritage registration plate.

15 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
16 Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a special
17 preserve our heritage registration plate. Upon receipt of an
18 application, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in
19 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall
20 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or
21 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000]
22 14,000 pounds. The Historical Preservation Fund shall receive
23 \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

24 § 1354. Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate.

25 (a) Plate.--The department, in consultation with the
26 Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, shall design a
27 Flagship Niagara commemorative registration plate. Upon
28 application of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which
29 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee, the
30 department shall issue the plate for a passenger car, motor

1 home, trailer or truck with a registered gross weight of not
2 more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

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4 § 1355. Zoological plate.

5 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
6 Zoological Council, shall design a special zoological
7 registration plate. Upon application of any person, accompanied
8 by a fee of \$35 which shall be in addition to the annual
9 registration fee, the department shall issue the plate for a
10 passenger car, motor home, trailer or truck with a registered
11 gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. The
12 Zoological Enhancement Fund shall receive \$15 of the fee paid by
13 the applicant for the plate.

14 § 1356. Special plates for recipients of Expeditionary Forces
15 Medal.

16 Upon application of any person who is a recipient of the
17 Expeditionary Forces Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
18 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
19 documentation as the department shall require, the department
20 shall issue to such person a special registration plate
21 designating the vehicle so registered as belonging to a person
22 who is a recipient of the Expeditionary Forces Medal. The
23 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
24 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than
25 [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

26 § 1357. Special plates for World War II veterans.

27 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of World War
28 II, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition to
29 the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
30 department shall require, the department shall issue to such

1 person a special registration plate carrying the symbol of a
2 ruptured duck designating the vehicle so registered as belonging
3 to a person who is a veteran of World War II. The special
4 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
5 with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000
6 pounds.

7 § 1358. DARE plate.

8 The department, in consultation with the Pennsylvania
9 Commission on Crime and Delinquency, shall design a special drug
10 abuse resistance education (DARE) registration plate which
11 utilizes the DARE logo or slogan in the design. Upon application
12 of any person, accompanied by a fee of \$35 which shall be in
13 addition to the annual registration fee, the department shall
14 issue the plate for a passenger car, motor home, trailer or
15 truck with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000]
16 14,000 pounds. The Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program shall
17 receive \$15 of each additional fee for this plate.

18 § 1359. Special plates for steelworkers.

19 (a) General rule.--Upon application of any person who is a
20 steelworker, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in
21 addition to the annual registration fee and by such
22 documentation as the department shall require, the department
23 shall issue to such person a special registration plate
24 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
25 is a steelworker. The special registration plate may be used
26 only on a passenger car or a truck with a registered gross
27 weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds. The plate shall
28 bear the likeness of the official emblem of the American Iron
29 and Steel Institute.

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1 § 1360. Special plates for veterans of Vietnam Conflict.

2 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
3 Vietnam Conflict as that term is defined for the awarding of the
4 Vietnam Service Medal, accompanied by a fee of \$20 in addition
5 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
6 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
7 person a special registration plate designating the vehicle so
8 licensed as belonging to a person who is a veteran of the
9 Vietnam Conflict. The special registration plate may be used
10 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
11 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

12 § 1362. Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans plate.

13 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
14 liberation or occupation of Iraq, accompanied by a fee of \$20
15 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by
16 documentation as the department shall require, the department
17 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
18 designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a person who
19 is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The special
20 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
21 with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000
22 pounds.

23 § 1363. Operation Enduring Freedom veterans plate.

24 Upon application of any person who is a veteran of the
25 liberation or occupation of Afghanistan, accompanied by a fee of
26 \$20 which shall be in addition to the annual registration fee
27 and by documentation as the department shall require, the
28 department shall issue to the person a special registration
29 plate designating the vehicle so licensed as belonging to a
30 person who is a veteran of Operation Enduring Freedom. The

1 special registration plate may be used only on a passenger car
2 or truck with a registered gross weight of not more than
3 [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

4 § 1364. Special plates for veterans.

5 Upon application of any person who is an honorably discharged
6 veteran of the armed forces of the United States or a reserve
7 component of the armed forces as defined in 51 Pa.C.S. § 7301
8 (relating to definitions), accompanied by a fee of \$20 which
9 shall be in addition to the annual registration fee and by such
10 documentation as the department shall require, the department
11 shall issue to the person a special registration plate
12 designating the vehicle as belonging to a person who is a
13 veteran of the armed forces of the United States. The special
14 registration plate may be used only on a passenger car or truck
15 with a registered gross weight of not more than [10,000] 14,000
16 pounds.

17 § 1365. Gold Star Family plate.

18 (a) General rule.--Upon application of a family member of a
19 person who was killed while serving on active duty in the
20 military, accompanied by a fee of \$20 which shall be in addition
21 to the annual registration fee and by such documentation as the
22 department shall require, the department shall issue to the
23 family member a special registration plate designating the
24 vehicle so licensed as belonging to a family member of a person
25 who was killed while serving on active duty in the military. The
26 department shall design and produce the special registration
27 plate carrying the Service Flag Gold Star rimmed with blue which
28 represents sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom. The
29 words "Gold Star Family" shall be clearly displayed along the
30 bottom of the plate. The special registration plate may be used

1 only on a passenger car or truck with a registered gross weight
2 of not more than [10,000] 14,000 pounds.

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4 SECTION 2. SECTION 1943 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A
5 SUBSECTION TO READ:

6 § 1943. ANNUAL HAULING PERMITS.

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8 (G.1) EGGS.--THE ANNUAL FEE FOR MOVEMENT OF EACH VEHICLE
9 HAULING EGGS AS PROVIDED FOR IN SECTION 4976.2 (RELATING TO
10 PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF EGGS) SHALL BE \$400.

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12 SECTION 3. SECTIONS 4307(A) AND 4962(F) OF TITLE 75 ARE
13 AMENDED TO READ:

14 § 4307. USE AND DISPLAY OF ILLUMINATED SIGNS.

15 (A) GENERAL RULE.--[EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS
16 SECTION, NO VEHICLE SHALL BEAR OR DISPLAY ANY ILLUMINATED SIGNS,
17 LETTERS, NUMERALS OR FIGURES OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER.] EXCEPT AS
18 OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, ANY LIGHTED LAMP OR
19 ILLUMINATING DEVICE UPON A MOTOR VEHICLE, OTHER THAN HEAD LAMPS,
20 SPOT LAMPS, AUXILIARY LAMPS, FLASHING TURN SIGNALS, EMERGENCY
21 VEHICLE WARNING LAMPS AND SCHOOL BUS WARNING LAMPS, WHICH
22 PROJECTS A BEAM OF LIGHT OF AN INTENSITY NO GREATER THAN 100
23 CANDELA SHALL BE SO DIRECTED THAT NO PART OF THE HIGH INTENSITY
24 PORTION OF THE BEAM WILL STRIKE THE LEVEL OF THE ROADWAY ON
25 WHICH THE VEHICLE STANDS AT A DISTANCE OF MORE THAN 75 FEET FROM
26 THE VEHICLE. THE DEVICE SHOULD MEASURE NO GREATER THAN A 5.5
27 INCH WIDTH X 4.5 INCH HEIGHT OR 5-INCH CIRCUMFERENCE FOR ROUND
28 VERSIONS AND BE LOCATED IN REAR CORNER OR REAR-SIDE CORNER
29 WINDOWS ONLY AS NOT TO OBSTRUCT THE DRIVER'S VIEW. FLASHING
30 LIGHTS ARE PROHIBITED ON MOTOR VEHICLES, MOTORCYCLES AND

MOTOR-DRAWN VEHICLES EXCEPT AS A MEANS FOR INDICATING A RIGHT OR
LEFT TURN. NO PERSON SHALL DRIVE OR MOVE UPON ANY HIGHWAY ANY
VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT WITH ANY LAMP OR DEVICE THEREON DISPLAYING
A RED LIGHT VISIBLE FROM DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE CENTER
THEREOF.

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§ 4962. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS AND SECURITY FOR DAMAGES.

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(F) WHEN LOADS PERMITTED.--ONLY VEHICLES AND COMBINATIONS
PERMITTED UNDER THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED TO
CARRY OR HAUL LOADS WHILE OPERATING UNDER THE PERMIT:

SECTION 4961(A) (2), (3) AND (6) (RELATING TO AUTHORITY TO
ISSUE PERMITS).

SECTION 4965 (RELATING TO SINGLE PERMITS FOR MULTIPLE
HIGHWAY CROSSINGS).

SECTION 4968 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT DURING
COURSE OF MANUFACTURE).

SECTION 4974 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF
CONTAINERIZED CARGO).

SECTION 4975 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF SPECIAL
MOBILE EQUIPMENT).

SECTION 4976 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF DOMESTIC
ANIMAL FEED).

SECTION 4976.1 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF LIVE
DOMESTIC ANIMALS).

SECTION 4976.2 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF EGGS).

SECTION 4977 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF WOODEN
STRUCTURES).

SECTION 4978 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF BUILDING
STRUCTURAL COMPONENTS).

SECTION 4979 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF
PARTICLEBOARD OR FIBERBOARD USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF READY-
TO-ASSEMBLE FURNITURE) .

SECTION 4979.1 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF BULK
REFINED OIL) .

SECTION 4979.2 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF WASTE
COAL AND BENEFICIAL COMBUSTION ASH) .

SECTION 4979.3 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF FLOAT
GLASS OR FLAT GLASS FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION AND OTHER END
USES) .

SECTION 4979.4 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF SELF-
PROPELLED CRANES) .

SECTION 4979.5 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF
NONHAZARDOUS LIQUID GLUE) .

SECTION 4979.6 (RELATING TO PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF WASTE
TIRES) .

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SECTION 4. TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A SECTION TO READ:
§ 4976.2. PERMIT FOR MOVEMENT OF EGGS.

(A) AUTHORIZATION.--EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B),
ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY:

(1) AN ANNUAL PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED AUTHORIZING THE
MOVEMENT ON HIGHWAYS TO HAUL EGGS TO OR FROM A PROCESSOR BY
A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES WHICH EXCEEDS THE MAXIMUM VEHICLE
GROSS WEIGHT SPECIFIED IN SUBCHAPTER C (RELATING TO MAXIMUM
WEIGHTS OF VEHICLES) .

(2) ON A VEHICLE PERMITTED UNDER THIS SECTION:

(I) OVERALL GROSS WEIGHT MAY NOT EXCEED 95,000
POUNDS; AND

(II) WEIGHT ON A NONSTEERING AXLE MAY NOT EXCEED

1 21,000 POUNDS.

2 (B) EXCEPTION.--NO PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED FOR THIS TYPE OF
3 MOVEMENT UPON AN INTERSTATE HIGHWAY.

4 Section 2 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

