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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN AUXILIARY POWER UNIT WEIGHT TOLERANCE EXEMPTION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) As used in this section,
2 "auxiliary power unit" means an integrated system on a diesel-
3 powered commercial motor vehicle, as defined in section 14-1 of the
4 general statutes, that provides, in addition to such vehicle's engine,
5 heat, air conditioning, engine warming, electric components, or power
6 to do the work for which such vehicle is designed and that is certified
7 by the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection
8 Agency as meeting the emissions standards established by said
9 agency.

10 (b) The owner of any such commercial motor vehicle that is
11 equipped with an auxiliary power unit may apply to the
12 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles for a weight tolerance exemption
13 from the gross, total axle, total tandem or bridge formula weight limits
14 established by section 14-267a of the general statutes. Such weight
15 tolerance exemption shall authorize the operation of such commercial
16 motor vehicle with additional weight equal to the actual weight of the

17 auxiliary power unit, but not exceeding four hundred pounds.

18 (c) An application for the weight tolerance exemption established by
19 subsection (b) of this section shall contain such information as the
20 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles may require, including, but not
21 limited to, (1) certification of the weight of the auxiliary power unit,
22 and (2) certification that the auxiliary power unit is fully functional at
23 all times. Upon receipt of such information deemed sufficient by the
24 commissioner to satisfy the requirements for such exemption, said
25 commissioner shall issue a certificate approving a weight tolerance
26 exemption for such vehicle. The certificate shall be carried on such
27 vehicle and shall be presented to any person authorized to request
28 such certificate.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2009	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To encourage the use of auxiliary power units to reduce fuel use and improve air quality by providing a "weight tolerance exemption" equal to the weight of an auxiliary power unit, for any diesel-powered commercial motor vehicles that has such a unit.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]