



General Assembly

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**Raised Bill No. 5460**

LCO No. 1828

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING WRECKERS AND TOW TRUCKS.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 14-262a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 A wrecker, as defined in section 14-1 and operated in accordance  
4 with section 14-66 as an emergency response vehicle with a divisible or  
5 nondivisible load as referenced in 23 CFR 658.5, may tow or haul a  
6 vehicle or combination of vehicles, without regard to the limitations of  
7 length contained in section 14-262. A wrecker that has been issued an  
8 annual wrecker towing or transporting permit pursuant to section 14-  
9 270 may tow or haul a motor vehicle or combination of vehicles in  
10 excess of the axle gross combination weight limits or federal bridge  
11 formula requirements for vehicles with divisible or nondivisible loads  
12 as referenced in 23 CFR 658.17 prescribed by section 14-267a from any  
13 highway if such vehicle (1) was involved in an accident, (2) became  
14 disabled and remains within the limits of a highway, or (3) is being  
15 towed or hauled by order of a traffic or law enforcement authority, to  
16 the nearest licensed repair facility or motor carrier terminal of such

17 vehicle. All other towing operations [with a] in excess of an axle gross  
18 combination vehicle weight [in excess of those] or federal bridge  
19 formula requirements for vehicles with divisible or nondivisible loads  
20 as referenced in 23 CFR 658.17, as defined in section 14-267a, shall  
21 require a single-trip permit as defined in section 14-270, as amended  
22 by this act. Violation of any provision of this section shall be an  
23 infraction.

24 Sec. 2. Subsection (e) of section 14-270 of the 2012 supplement to the  
25 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu  
26 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

27 (e) (1) The Commissioner of Transportation shall adopt regulations  
28 in accordance with chapter 54 prescribing standards for issuance of  
29 permits for vehicles with divisible or indivisible loads not conforming  
30 to the provisions of section 14-267a.

31 (2) In adopting regulations pursuant to this section, the  
32 commissioner shall allow for the issuing of a wrecker towing or  
33 transporting emergency permit, provided emergency movement of a  
34 wrecked or disabled vehicle by a wrecker with a permit issued  
35 pursuant to this subdivision shall (A) be in accordance with any  
36 limitations as to highway or bridge use and maximum rate of speed as  
37 specified by the commissioner, and (B) not exceed seventy-five miles.  
38 For each wrecker towing or transporting emergency permit, the owner  
39 or lessee of a wrecker shall pay an annual fee of (i) one hundred  
40 twenty-five dollars for a wrecker with a manufacturer's gross vehicle  
41 weight rating of twenty-six thousand pounds or less, and (ii) two  
42 hundred fifty dollars for a wrecker with a manufacturer's gross vehicle  
43 weight rating of more than twenty-six thousand pounds.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	14-262a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	14-270(e)

**Statement of Purpose:**

To allow for towing of divisible and nondivisible loads in conformance with federal regulations and in excess of axle gross combination vehicle weight or federal bridge formula requirements for nondivisible vehicles or loads.

*[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.]*