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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. MARTINEZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to road salt

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraph (d) of subdivision 15 of section 385 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 3 of part C of chapter 59 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

2 (d) Except during storms, floods, fires or other public emergencies,  
3 no such permit may be issued to include a towing operation involving  
4 more than two vehicles except three vehicle combinations consisting of a  
5 tractor, semitrailer and trailer or a tractor and two trailers within  
6 legal weight and width limits proceeding to or from any qualifying highway or access highway. Every such permit may designate the route to be  
7 traversed and contain any other restrictions or conditions deemed necessary by the issuing authority. Every such permit shall be carried on the  
8 vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to the inspection of any  
9 peace officer, acting pursuant to his special duties, or police officer,  
10 or any other officer or employee authorized to enforce this section. All  
11 permits issued shall be revocable by the authority issuing them at the  
12 discretion of the authority without a hearing or the necessity of showing cause. Except for a vehicle having a maximum gross weight not  
13 exceeding eighty thousand pounds without regard to any axle weight limitation set forth herein or the maximum gross weight established by the  
14 formula commonly referred to as the bridge formula as set forth in  
15 subdivision ten of this section and except for state or municipally-owned single vehicles engaged in snow and ice control operations, or  
16 designed or fitted for snow and ice control operations while engaged in  
17 other public works operations on public highways which do not exceed the  
18 weight limits contained in subdivision seventeen-a of this section, no  
19 permit shall be issued to allow operation or movement of any vehicle or  
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EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 combination of vehicles whose weight exceeds the limitations otherwise  
2 prescribed in this section other than an annual permit issued pursuant  
3 to paragraph (f) of this subdivision except upon a finding by the  
4 department of transportation or the appropriate authority, as the case  
5 may be, that the load proposed is of one piece or item or otherwise  
6 cannot be separated into units of less weight provided, however, that  
7 any such permit issued upon such finding shall not be valid for the  
8 operation or movement of such vehicles on any state or other highway  
9 within any city not wholly included within one county. Bulk milk and  
10 road salt may be considered one piece or item.

11 § 2. The opening paragraph of paragraph (f) of subdivision 15 of  
12 section 385 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 4 of  
13 part C of chapter 59 of the laws of 2004, is amended to read as follows:

14 The department of transportation, or other issuing authority, may  
15 issue an annual permit for a vehicle designed and constructed to carry  
16 loads that are not of one piece or item, which is registered in this  
17 state. Motor carriers having apportioned vehicles registered under the  
18 international registration plan must either have a currently valid  
19 permit at the time this provision becomes effective or shall have desig-  
20 nated New York as its base state or one of the eligible jurisdictions of  
21 operation under the international registration plan in order to be  
22 eligible to receive a permit issued pursuant to subparagraph (i), (ii)  
23 or (ii-a) of this paragraph. ~~[No]~~ Subject to paragraph (l) of this  
24 subdivision, no permit issued pursuant to this paragraph shall be valid  
25 for the operation or movement of vehicles on any state or other highway  
26 within any city not wholly included within one county unless such permit  
27 was issued by the city department of transportation of such city.

28 § 3. Subdivision 15 of section 385 of the vehicle and traffic law is  
29 amended by adding a new paragraph (l) to read as follows:

30 (l) Notwithstanding any law, local law, rule, or regulation to the  
31 contrary, any vehicle which: (i) has been issued a permit pursuant to  
32 subdivision fifteen of this section; (ii) is transporting road salt; and  
33 (iii) does not have a gross vehicle weight rating in excess of one  
34 hundred seven thousand pounds, shall be authorized to operate on all  
35 public highways and bridges at any time between the months of October  
36 and April.

37 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately.