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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to weight limitations

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 5 and paragraphs (a) and (f) of subdivision 15  
2 of section 385 of the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph (a) of subdivi-  
3 sion 15 as amended by section 1 and paragraph (f) of subdivision 15 as  
4 amended by section 4 of part C of chapter 59 of the laws of 2004, are  
5 amended and three new subdivisions 15-b, 15-c and 15-d are added to read  
6 as follows:

7 5. In determining the number of wheels and axles on any vehicle or  
8 combination of vehicles within the meaning of this section, only two  
9 wheels shall be counted for each axle, and axles which are less than  
10 forty-six inches apart, from center to center, shall be counted as one  
11 axle, MULTIPLE LIFT AXLES MAY BE SPACED FORTY INCHES APART, FROM CENTER  
12 TO CENTER. However, in the case of multiple tires or multiple wheels,  
13 the sum of the widths of all the tires on a wheel or combination of  
14 wheels shall be taken in determining tire width.

15 (a) The commissioner of transportation is hereby authorized to contin-  
16 ue to grant permits, and to charge fees therefor, for the operation or  
17 movement of a vehicle or combination of vehicles having weights or  
18 dimensions which exceed the limitations provided for in this section  
19 upon any highway under his or her jurisdiction except that such permit  
20 shall not be valid for the operation or movement of such vehicles on any  
21 state or other highway within any city not wholly included within one  
22 county, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (VII) OF PARAGRAPH (F) OF  
23 THIS SUBDIVISION. ANY PERSON THAT OPERATES OR MOVES, OR CAUSES OR KNOW-  
24 INGLY PERMITS THE OPERATION OR MOVEMENT ON ANY HIGHWAY OR BRIDGE, IN ANY  
25 COUNTY NOT WHOLLY INCLUDED WITHIN A CITY, ANY VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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1 VEHICLES OF A SIZE OR WEIGHT EXCEEDING THE LIMITATIONS PROVIDED FOR IN  
2 THIS SECTION IS REQUIRED TO HAVE AND COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF SUCH A  
3 PERMIT ISSUED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION AND TO COMPLY WITH  
4 THE REGULATIONS APPLICABLE THERETO. Such permits shall be issued in  
5 accordance with the terms and conditions contained in rules and regu-  
6 lations governing special hauling permits which have been or shall be  
7 promulgated by the commissioner of transportation and which may include,  
8 but not be limited to, a requirement that a vehicle or combination of  
9 vehicles being issued a permit shall be accompanied by one or more  
10 escort vehicles which is being operated by an individual having a valid  
11 escort certificate issued by the commissioner. The commissioner of  
12 transportation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations govern-  
13 ing the operation, use and equipment of escort vehicles and the duties  
14 and responsibilities of the operator of an escort vehicle. Any finding  
15 by the commissioner of transportation that an individual has violated  
16 such rules and regulations shall be grounds for the cancellation of an  
17 individual's escort certificate and a penalty not to exceed five hundred  
18 dollars per occurrence for the first violation and not to exceed one  
19 thousand dollars per occurrence for each subsequent violation. Prior to  
20 issuing such a finding, the commissioner of transportation shall afford  
21 an individual the right to a hearing pursuant to section one hundred  
22 forty-five of the transportation law. Such rules and regulations shall  
23 take into consideration, but shall not be limited to, the safety of the  
24 traveling public and the protection of the highways and the environment.  
25 Such rules and regulations shall also contain a schedule of fees to be  
26 charged for the issuance of such permits which fees shall cover, but  
27 shall not be limited to, the costs to the department of transportation  
28 for the administration of the permit program, and shall permit the  
29 commissioner of transportation to levy a surcharge of up to twenty  
30 dollars for the issuance and distribution of special hauling permits at  
31 regional offices of the department of transportation. The annual vehicle  
32 fee for a permit issued pursuant to subparagraphs (i), (ii), (ii-a) and  
33 (iii) of paragraph (f) of this subdivision shall be three hundred sixty  
34 dollars for vehicles with less than five axles, seven hundred fifty  
35 dollars for vehicles with five or six axles and nine hundred dollars for  
36 vehicles with seven or more axles. The annual vehicle fee for a permit  
37 issued pursuant to subparagraphs (iv), (v), and (vi) of paragraph (f) of  
38 this subdivision shall be four hundred eighty dollars for vehicles with  
39 less than five axles and one thousand dollars for vehicles with five or  
40 more axles. THE ANNUAL VEHICLE FEE FOR A PERMIT ISSUED PURSUANT TO  
41 SUBPARAGRAPH (VII) OF PARAGRAPH (F) OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE SEVEN  
42 HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS FOR VEHICLES LESS THAN FIVE AXLES, ONE THOUSAND  
43 FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR VEHICLES WITH FIVE OR SIX AXLES AND ONE THOU-  
44 SAND EIGHT HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR VEHICLES WITH SEVEN OR MORE AXLES. Addi-  
45 tionally, the commissioner shall establish a fee schedule for the  
46 permitting of extra non-power combination units that may not exceed  
47 twenty-five dollars per vehicle and may offer discounts for multi-trailer  
48 registrations. Such fees shall not be charged to municipalities in  
49 this state. If the permit has routing requirements, such rules and regu-  
50 lations shall provide that if the routing anticipates the use of high-  
51 ways not under the jurisdiction of the commissioner of transportation,  
52 then he or she shall immediately notify the municipality or municipi-  
53 palities, having jurisdiction over such highway that an application for  
54 a permit has been received and request comment thereon. Said municipi-  
55 pality or municipalities shall not have less than fifteen days to

1 comment. Such rules and regulations shall also contain any other  
2 requirements deemed necessary by the commissioner of transportation.

3 (f) The department of transportation, or other issuing authority, may  
4 issue an annual permit for a vehicle designed and constructed to carry  
5 loads that are not of one piece or item, which is registered in this  
6 state. Motor carriers having apportioned vehicles registered under the  
7 international registration plan must either have a currently valid  
8 permit at the time this provision becomes effective or shall have desig-  
9 nated New York as its base state or one of the eligible jurisdictions of  
10 operation under the international registration plan in order to be  
11 eligible to receive a permit issued pursuant to subparagraph (i), (ii)  
12 or (ii-a) of this paragraph. No permit issued pursuant to this paragraph  
13 shall be valid for the operation or movement of vehicles on any state or  
14 other highway within any city not wholly included within one county  
15 unless such permit was issued by the city department of transportation  
16 of such city, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (VII) OF THIS  
17 PARAGRAPH.

18 Effective January first, two thousand five, no vehicle or combination  
19 of vehicles issued a permit pursuant to this paragraph shall cross a  
20 bridge designated as an R-posted bridge by the commissioner of transpor-  
21 tation or any other permit issuing authority absent a determination by  
22 such commissioner or permit issuing authority that the permit applicant  
23 has demonstrated special circumstances warranting the crossing of such  
24 bridge or bridges and a determination by such commissioner or permit  
25 issuing authority that such bridge or bridges may be crossed safely,  
26 provided, however, that in no event shall a vehicle or combination of  
27 vehicles issued a permit under this paragraph be permitted to cross a  
28 bridge designated as an R-posted bridge if such vehicle or combination  
29 of vehicles has a maximum gross weight exceeding one hundred two thou-  
30 sand pounds, and provided further, however, that nothing contained here-  
31 in shall be deemed to authorize any vehicle or combination of vehicles  
32 to cross any such bridge within any city not wholly included within one  
33 county unless such vehicle or combination of vehicles has been issued a  
34 valid permit by the city department of transportation of such city  
35 pursuant to this subdivision, EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (VII)  
36 OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

37 No vehicle having a model year of two thousand six or newer shall be  
38 issued a permit pursuant to this paragraph unless each axle of such  
39 vehicle or combination of vehicles, other than steerable or trackable  
40 axles, is equipped with two tires on each side of the axle, any air  
41 pressure controls for lift axles are located outside the cab of the  
42 vehicle and are beyond the reach of occupants of the cab while the vehi-  
43 cle is in motion, [the weight on any grouping of two or more axles is  
44 distributed such that no axle in the grouping carries less than eighty  
45 percent of any other axle in the grouping] and any [liftable] PUSHER  
46 LIFT axle is steerable or trackable; and, further provided, after Decem-  
47 ber thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, no permit shall be issued  
48 pursuant to this paragraph to a vehicle of any model year that does not  
49 meet the requirements of this provision, except that such permits may be  
50 issued prior to January first, two thousand twenty to a vehicle that  
51 does not meet the requirement concerning axle grouping weight distrib-  
52 ution, but meets all other requirements of this section.

53 A divisible load permit may only be transferred to a replacement vehi-  
54 cle by the same registrant or transferred with the permitted vehicle as  
55 part of the sale or transfer of the permit holder's business; or, if the  
56 divisible load permit is issued pursuant to subparagraph (iv), (v) or

1 (vi) of this paragraph for use within the counties of Westchester, Rock-  
2 land, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess and has been effec-  
3 tive for the five years preceding a transfer of such permit, the permit  
4 may be transferred with the permitted vehicle in the sale of the permit-  
5 ted vehicle to the holder of a permit issued pursuant to subparagraph  
6 (iv), (v) or (vi) of this paragraph for use within the counties of West-  
7 chester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess.

8 If a permit holder operates a vehicle or combination of vehicles in  
9 violation of any posted weight restriction, THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANS-  
10 PORTATION MAY IMPOSE A CIVIL PENALTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION ONE HUNDRED  
11 FORTY-FIVE OF THE TRANSPORTATION LAW AND/OR CANCEL, SUSPEND OR REVOKE  
12 the permit issued to such vehicle or combination of vehicles [shall be  
13 deemed void as of the next day and shall not be reissued] for a period  
14 of UP TO twelve calendar months.

15 [Until June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-four, no more than  
16 sixteen thousand power units shall be issued annual permits by the  
17 department for any twelve-month period in accordance with this para-  
18 graph. After June thirtieth, nineteen hundred ninety-four, no more than  
19 sixteen thousand five hundred power units shall be issued annual permits  
20 by the department for any twelve-month period. After December thirty-  
21 first, nineteen hundred ninety-five, no more than seventeen thousand  
22 power units shall be issued annual permits by the department for any  
23 twelve-month period. After December thirty-first, two thousand three, no  
24 more than twenty-one thousand power units shall be issued annual permits  
25 by the department for any twelve-month period. After December thirty-  
26 first, two thousand five, no more than twenty-two thousand power units  
27 shall be issued annual permits by the department for any twelve-month  
28 period. After December thirty-first, two thousand six, no more than  
29 twenty-three thousand power units shall be issued annual permits by the  
30 department for any twelve-month period. After December thirty-first, two  
31 thousand seven, no more than twenty-four thousand power units shall be  
32 issued annual permits by the department for any twelve-month period.  
33 After December thirty-first, two thousand eight, no more than twenty-  
34 five thousand power units shall be issued annual permits by the depart-  
35 ment for any twelve-month period.] NO MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND  
36 POWER UNITS SHALL BE ISSUED ANNUAL PERMITS BY THE DEPARTMENT.

37 Whenever permit application requests exceed permit availability, the  
38 department shall renew annual permits that have been expired for less  
39 than four years which meet program requirements, and then shall issue  
40 permit applicants having less than three divisible load permits such  
41 additional permits as the applicant may request, providing that the  
42 total of existing and new permits does not exceed three. Remaining  
43 permits shall be allocated by lottery in accordance with procedures  
44 established by the commissioner in rules and regulations.

45 The department of transportation may issue a seasonal agricultural  
46 permit in accordance with subparagraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) of this  
47 paragraph that will be valid for four consecutive months with a fee  
48 equal to one-half the annual permit fees established under this subdivi-  
49 sion.

50 For a vehicle issued a permit in accordance with subparagraphs (iii),  
51 (iv), (v) and (vi) of this paragraph, such a vehicle must have been  
52 registered in this state prior to January first, nineteen hundred eight-  
53 y-six or be a vehicle or combination of vehicles which replace such type  
54 of vehicle which was registered in this state prior to such date  
55 provided that the manufacturer's recommended maximum gross weight of the  
56 replacement vehicle or combination of vehicles does not exceed the

1 weight for which a permit may be issued and the maximum load to be  
2 carried on the replacement vehicle or combination of vehicles does not  
3 exceed the maximum load which could have been carried on the vehicle  
4 being replaced or the registered weight of such vehicle, whichever is  
5 lower, in accordance with the following subparagraphs:

6 (i) A permit may be issued for a vehicle having at least three axles  
7 and a wheelbase not less than sixteen feet and for a vehicle with a  
8 trailer not exceeding forty-eight feet. The maximum gross weight of such  
9 a vehicle shall not exceed [forty-two thousand five hundred pounds plus  
10 one thousand two hundred fifty pounds for each foot and major fraction  
11 of a foot of the distance from the center of the foremost axle to the  
12 center of the rearmost axle] ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF FEDERAL  
13 BRIDGE FORMULA ( $W=500(LN/N-1 + 12N + 36)$ ) WHERE W = OVERALL GROSS WEIGHT  
14 ON ANY GROUP OF TWO OR MORE CONSECUTIVE AXLES TO THE NEAREST 500 POUNDS,  
15 L= DISTANCE IN FEET BETWEEN THE EXTREME OF ANY GROUP OF TWO OR MORE  
16 CONSECUTIVE AXLES, AND N= NUMBER OF AXLES IN THE GROUP UNDER CONSIDER-  
17 ATION), or one hundred two thousand pounds, whichever is more restric-  
18 tive provided, however, THAT ANY SIX AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED  
19 EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND POUNDS, THAT ANY FIVE AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT  
20 EXCEED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS, that any four axle group weight  
21 shall not exceed sixty-two thousand pounds, any tridem axle group weight  
22 shall not exceed fifty-seven thousand pounds, any tandem axle weight  
23 does not exceed forty-seven thousand pounds and any single axle weight  
24 shall not exceed twenty-five thousand pounds.

25 Any additional special authorizations contained in a currently valid  
26 annual permit shall cease upon the expiration of such current annual  
27 permit.

28 (ii) A permit may be issued subject to bridge restrictions for a vehi-  
29 cle or a combination of vehicles having at least six axles and a wheel  
30 base of at least thirty-six and one-half feet. The maximum gross weight  
31 of such vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed one hundred  
32 seven thousand pounds and any SIX AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED  
33 EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY FIVE AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT  
34 EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY FOUR AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL  
35 NOT EXCEED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND POUNDS, AND tridem axle group weight  
36 shall not exceed fifty-eight thousand pounds and any tandem axle group  
37 weight shall not exceed forty-eight thousand pounds.

38 (ii-a) A permit may be issued subject to bridge restrictions for a  
39 combination of vehicles having at least seven axles and a wheelbase of  
40 at least forty-three feet. The maximum gross weight of such combination  
41 of vehicles shall not exceed one hundred seventeen thousand pounds, any  
42 four axle group weight shall not exceed sixty-three thousand pounds, any  
43 tridem axle group weight shall not exceed fifty-eight thousand pounds,  
44 any tandem axle group weight shall not exceed forty-eight thousand  
45 pounds, and any single axle weight shall not exceed twenty-five thousand  
46 pounds.

47 [Each axle of such combination of vehicles, other than steerable or  
48 trackable axles, shall be equipped with two tires on each side of the  
49 axle, any] ANY air pressure controls for lift axles shall be located  
50 outside the cab of the combination of vehicles and shall be beyond the  
51 reach of occupants of the cab while the combination of vehicles is in  
52 motion[, the weight on any grouping of two or more axles shall be  
53 distributed such that no axle in the grouping carries less than eighty  
54 percent of any other axle in the grouping,] and any [liftable] PUSHER  
55 LIFT axle of such combination of vehicles shall be steerable or tracka-  
56 ble.

1 (iii) A permit may be issued for a vehicle having two axles and a  
2 wheelbase not less than ten feet, with the maximum gross weight not in  
3 excess of one hundred twenty-five percent [of the total weight limita-  
4 tion as set forth in subdivision ten of this section] OF FEDERAL BRIDGE  
5 FORMULA ( $W=500(LN/N-1 + 12N + 36)$ ) WHERE W = OVERALL GROSS WEIGHT ON ANY  
6 GROUP OF TWO OR MORE CONSECUTIVE AXLES TO THE NEAREST 500 POUNDS, L =  
7 DISTANCE IN FEET BETWEEN THE EXTREME OF ANY GROUP OF TWO OR MORE CONSEC-  
8 UTIVE AXLES, AND N = NUMBER OF AXLES IN THE GROUP UNDER CONSIDERATION).  
9 Furthermore, until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-four,  
10 any single rear axle weight shall not exceed twenty-eight thousand  
11 pounds. After December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-four, any  
12 axle weight shall not exceed twenty-seven thousand pounds.

13 (iv) Within a city not wholly included within one county and the coun-  
14 ties of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and  
15 Dutchess, a permit may be issued for a vehicle having at least three  
16 axles and a wheelbase not exceeding forty-four feet nor less than seven-  
17 teen feet or for a vehicle with a trailer not exceeding forty feet.

18 Until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-four, a permit  
19 may only be issued for such a vehicle having a maximum gross weight not  
20 exceeding eighty-two thousand pounds and any tandem axle group weight  
21 shall not exceed sixty-two thousand pounds.

22 After January first, nineteen hundred ninety-five, the operation of  
23 such a vehicle shall be further limited and a permit may only be issued  
24 for such a vehicle having a maximum gross weight not exceeding seventy-  
25 nine thousand pounds and any tandem axle group weight shall not exceed  
26 fifty-nine thousand pounds, and any tridem shall not exceed sixty-four  
27 thousand pounds.

28 A permit may be issued only until December thirty-first, nineteen  
29 hundred ninety-four for a vehicle having at least three axles and a  
30 wheelbase between fifteen and seventeen feet. The maximum gross weight  
31 of such a vehicle shall not exceed seventy-three thousand two hundred  
32 eighty pounds and any tandem axle group weight shall not exceed fifty-  
33 four thousand pounds.

34 No vehicle having a model year of two thousand six or newer shall be  
35 issued a permit pursuant to this subparagraph for use within the coun-  
36 ties of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and  
37 Dutchess unless it is equipped with at least four axles, and further  
38 provided, after December thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, no permit  
39 shall be issued pursuant to this subparagraph for use within the coun-  
40 ties of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and  
41 Dutchess to a vehicle of any model year unless the vehicle is equipped  
42 with at least four axles.

43 (v) Within a city not wholly included within one county and the coun-  
44 ties of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange or Dutch-  
45 ess, a permit may be issued only until December thirty-first, nineteen  
46 hundred ninety-nine for a vehicle or combination of vehicles that has  
47 been permitted within the past four years having five axles and a wheel-  
48 base of at least thirty-six and one-half feet. The maximum gross weight  
49 of such a vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed one  
50 hundred five thousand pounds and any tandem axle group weight shall not  
51 exceed fifty-one thousand pounds.

52 Within a city not wholly included within one county and the counties  
53 of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess,  
54 a permit may be issued for a vehicle or combination of vehicles having  
55 at least five axles and a wheelbase of at least thirty feet. The maximum  
56 gross weight of such vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not exceed

1 ninety-three thousand pounds and any SIX AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT  
2 EXCEED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY FIVE AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT  
3 EXCEED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY FOUR AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL  
4 NOT EXCEED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY tridem axle group weight shall  
5 not exceed fifty-seven thousand pounds and any tandem axle group weight  
6 shall not exceed forty-five thousand pounds.

7 (vi) Within a city not wholly included within one county and the coun-  
8 ties of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and  
9 Dutchess, a permit may be issued for a vehicle or combination of vehi-  
10 cles having at least five axles or more and a wheelbase of at least  
11 thirty-six and one-half feet, provided such permit contains routing  
12 restrictions.

13 Until December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-four, the maximum  
14 gross weight of a vehicle or combination of vehicles permitted under  
15 this subparagraph shall not exceed one hundred twenty thousand pounds  
16 and any tandem or tridem axle group weight shall not exceed sixty-nine  
17 thousand pounds, provided, however, that any replacement vehicle or  
18 combination of vehicles permitted after the effective date of this  
19 subparagraph shall have at least six axles, any tandem axle group shall  
20 not exceed fifty thousand pounds and any tridem axle group shall not  
21 exceed sixty-nine thousand pounds.

22 After December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-four, the tridem  
23 axle group weight of any vehicle or combination of vehicles issued a  
24 permit under this subparagraph shall not exceed sixty-seven thousand  
25 pounds, any tandem axle group weight shall not exceed fifty thousand  
26 pounds and any single axle weight shall not exceed twenty-five thousand  
27 seven hundred fifty pounds.

28 After December thirty-first, nineteen hundred ninety-nine, all vehi-  
29 cles issued a permit under this subparagraph must have at least six  
30 axles.

31 After December thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, all combinations  
32 of vehicles issued a permit under this subparagraph for use within the  
33 counties of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and  
34 Dutchess must have at least seven axles and a wheelbase of at least  
35 forty-three feet.

36 After December thirty-first, two thousand six, no permits shall be  
37 issued under this subparagraph for use within the counties of Westches-  
38 ter, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess for a vehi-  
39 cle or combination of vehicles having less than seven axles or having a  
40 wheelbase of less than forty-three feet, provided, however, that permits  
41 may be issued for use within the counties of Westchester, Rockland,  
42 Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess for vehicles or combina-  
43 tions of vehicles where the permit applicant demonstrates that the  
44 applicant acquired the vehicle or combination of vehicles prior to  
45 December thirty-first, two thousand six, and that if the vehicle or  
46 combination of vehicles was acquired by the applicant after the effec-  
47 tive date of this provision, such vehicle or combination of vehicles is  
48 less than fifteen years old. In instances where the application is for a  
49 combination of vehicles, the applicant shall demonstrate that the power  
50 unit of such combination satisfies the conditions of this subparagraph.  
51 In no event shall a permit be issued under this subparagraph for use  
52 within the counties of Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam,  
53 Orange and Dutchess for a vehicle or combination of vehicles having less  
54 than seven axles or having a wheelbase of less than forty-three feet  
55 after December thirty-first, two thousand fourteen.

1 Except as otherwise provided by this subparagraph for the period  
2 ending December thirty-first, two thousand fourteen, after December  
3 thirty-first, two thousand three, any combination of vehicles issued a  
4 permit under this subparagraph for use within the counties of Westches-  
5 ter, Rockland, Nassau, Suffolk, Putnam, Orange and Dutchess shall not  
6 exceed one hundred twenty thousand pounds, shall have at least seven  
7 axles, shall have a wheelbase of at least forty-three feet, and single  
8 axle weight shall not exceed twenty-five thousand seven hundred fifty  
9 pounds, any tandem axle group weight shall not exceed forty-eight thou-  
10 sand pounds, any tridem axle group weight shall not exceed sixty-three  
11 thousand pounds and any four axle group shall not exceed sixty-five  
12 thousand pounds.

13 From the date of enactment of this paragraph, permit applications  
14 under subparagraphs (i), (ii), (ii-a), (iii), (iv), (v) [and], (vi) AND  
15 (VII) of this paragraph for vehicles registered in this state may be  
16 honored by the commissioner of transportation or other appropriate  
17 authority. The commissioner of transportation and other appropriate  
18 authorities may confer and develop a system through rules and regu-  
19 lations to assure compliance herewith.

20 (VII) A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED FOR A VEHICLE HAVING AT LEAST THREE AXLES  
21 AND A WHEELBASE NOT LESS THAN SIXTEEN FEET AND FOR A VEHICLE WITH A  
22 TRAILER NOT EXCEEDING FORTY-EIGHT FEET. THE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT OF SUCH  
23 A VEHICLE SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF FEDERAL  
24 BRIDGE FORMULA ( $W=500(LN/N-1 + 12N + 36)$ ) WHERE W = OVERALL GROSS WEIGHT  
25 ON ANY GROUP OF TWO OR MORE CONSECUTIVE AXLES TO THE NEAREST 500 POUNDS,  
26 L = DISTANCE IN FEET BETWEEN THE EXTREME OF ANY GROUP OF TWO OR MORE  
27 CONSECUTIVE AXLES, AND N = NUMBER OF AXLES IN THE GROUP UNDER CONSIDER-  
28 ATION), OR ONE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND POUNDS, WHICHEVER IS MORE RESTRIC-  
29 TIVE PROVIDED, HOWEVER THAT ANY SIX AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED  
30 EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND POUNDS, THAT ANY FIVE AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT  
31 EXCEED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND POUNDS, THAT ANY FOUR AXLE GROUP WEIGHT  
32 SHALL NOT EXCEED SIXTY-TWO THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY TRIDEM AXLE GROUP WEIGHT  
33 SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTY-SEVEN THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY TANDEM AXLE WEIGHT  
34 DOES NOT EXCEED FORTY-SEVEN THOUSAND POUNDS AND ANY SINGLE AXLE WEIGHT  
35 SHALL NOT EXCEED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS.

36 A PERMIT MAY BE ISSUED SUBJECT TO BRIDGE RESTRICTIONS FOR A VEHICLE OR  
37 A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES HAVING AT LEAST SIX AXLES AND A WHEEL BASE OF  
38 AT LEAST THIRTY-SIX AND ONE-HALF FEET. THE MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT OF SUCH  
39 VEHICLES OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES SHALL NOT EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIVE  
40 THOUSAND POUNDS AND ANY SIX AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED  
41 EIGHTY-THREE THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY FIVE AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL NOT  
42 EXCEED SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY FOUR AXLE GROUP WEIGHT SHALL  
43 NOT EXCEED SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND POUNDS, ANY TRIDEM AXLE GROUP WEIGHT  
44 SHALL NOT EXCEED FIFTY-EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS AND ANY TANDEM AXLE GROUP  
45 WEIGHT SHALL NOT EXCEED FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND POUNDS.

46 SUCH PERMIT SHALL BE RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,  
47 NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE METROPOLITAN TRANS-  
48 PORTATION AUTHORITY FOR ALL CROSSINGS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE  
49 BRONX-WHITESTONE BRIDGE.

50 15-B. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS PURSUANT TO  
51 SUBDIVISION FIFTEEN OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
52 AND THE CITY OF NEW YORK ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE  
53 AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PERMITS TO OPERATE OR MOVE VEHICLES OR COMBINA-  
54 TIONS OF VEHICLES THE WEIGHTS OR THE DIMENSIONS OF WHICH EXCEED THE  
55 LIMITATIONS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION ALONG THE PORTIONS OF  
56 THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM THAT FALL UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF

1 NEW YORK THAT ARE ENUMERATED IN SECTION THREE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE-F OF  
2 THE HIGHWAY LAW (NEW YORK CITY ROUTES). PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS  
3 SUBDIVISION MAY BE OF A JOINT OR RECIPROCAL TYPE FOR OPERATIONS OR MOVE-  
4 MENTS ON SUCH HIGHWAY SYSTEMS AND SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO LOADS PROPOSED  
5 AS ONE PIECE OR ITEM OR OTHERWISE CANNOT BE SEPARATED INTO UNITS OF LESS  
6 WEIGHT.

7 15-C. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS PURSUANT TO  
8 SUBDIVISION FIFTEEN OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
9 AND THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY ARE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER  
10 INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PERMITS TO OPERATE OR MOVE  
11 VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES THE WEIGHTS OR THE DIMENSIONS OF  
12 WHICH EXCEED THE LIMITATIONS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION  
13 ALONG THE PORTIONS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM THAT FALL UNDER THE  
14 JURISDICTION OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY OR ITS SUBSID-  
15 IARIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE BRIDGES THAT THEY CONTROL.  
16 PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION MAY BE OF A JOINT OR RECIP-  
17 ROCAL TYPE FOR OPERATIONS OR MOVEMENTS ON SUCH HIGHWAY SYSTEMS AND SHALL  
18 NOT BE LIMITED TO LOADS PROPOSED AS ONE PIECE OR ITEM OR OTHERWISE  
19 CANNOT BE SEPARATED INTO UNITS OF LESS WEIGHT.

20 15-D. IN FURTHERANCE OF THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE PERMITS PURSUANT TO  
21 SUBDIVISION FIFTEEN OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
22 AND THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO  
23 ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT RELATIVE TO PERMITS TO OPERATE OR  
24 MOVE VEHICLES OR COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES THE WEIGHTS OR THE DIMENSIONS  
25 OF WHICH EXCEED THE LIMITATIONS OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR IN THIS SECTION  
26 ALONG THE PORTIONS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM THAT FALL UNDER THE  
27 JURISDICTION OF THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY OR ITS  
28 SUBSIDIARIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE BRIDGES THAT THEY  
29 CONTROL. PERMITS ISSUED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION MAY BE OF A JOINT  
30 OR RECIPROCAL TYPE FOR OPERATIONS OR MOVEMENTS ON SUCH HIGHWAY SYSTEMS  
31 AND SHALL NOT BE LIMITED TO LOADS PROPOSED AS ONE PIECE OR ITEM OR  
32 OTHERWISE CANNOT BE SEPARATED INTO UNITS OF LESS WEIGHT.

33 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
34 it shall have become a law.