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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. KLEIN -- 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 non-divisible load permits

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

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:

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Except during storms, floods, fires or other public emergencies, no such permit may be issued to include a towing operation involving more than two vehicles except three vehicle combinations consisting of a tractor, semitrailer and trailer or a tractor and two trailers within legal weight and width limits proceeding to or from any qualifying highway or access highway. Every such permit may designate the route to be traversed and contain any other restrictions or conditions deemed necessary by the issuing authority. Every such permit shall be carried on the vehicle to which it refers and shall be open to the inspection of any peace officer, acting pursuant to his special duties, or police officer, or any other officer or employee authorized to enforce this section. All permits issued shall be revocable by the authority issuing them at the discretion of the authority without a hearing or the necessity of showing cause. Except for a vehicle having a maximum gross weight not exceeding eighty thousand pounds without regard to any axle weight limitation set forth herein or the maximum gross weight established by the formula commonly referred to as the bridge formula as forth in subdivision ten of this section and except for state or municipally-owned single vehicles engaged in snow and ice control operations, or designed or fitted for snow and ice control operations while engaged other public works operations on public highways which do not exceed the weight limits contained in subdivision seventeen-a of this section,

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

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no permit shall be issued to allow operation or movement of any vehicle or combination of vehicles whose weight exceeds the limitations otherwise prescribed in this section other than an annual permit issued pursuant to paragraph (f) of this subdivision except upon a finding by the department of transportation or the appropriate authority, as the case may be, that the load proposed is of one piece or item or otherwise cannot be separated into units of less weight provided, however, that any such permit issued upon such finding shall not be valid for the operation or movement of such vehicles on any state or other highway within any city not wholly included within one county EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS (A) AND (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION TO THE CONTRARY, GRAPH AND PARAGRAPHS THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY ISSUE SUCH PERMIT FOR THE OPERATION OR MOVEMENT OF ANY VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES ON ANY OF FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF STATE OR OTHER HIGHWAYS WITHIN ANY CITY NOT WHOLLY INCLUDED WITHIN ONE COUNTY, AND SUCH VEHICLES OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES MAY OPERATE OR MOVE ON SUCH PORTIONS, AND ONLY ON SUCH PORTIONS, OF SUCH OR OTHER HIGHWAYS WITHIN SUCH CITY WITHOUT A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OF SUCH CITY: THAT PORTION OF INTERSTATE NINETY-FIVE BETWEEN THE BRONX-WESTCHESTER COUNTY LINE AND INTERSTATE SIX HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE, THAT PORTION OF INTERSTATE SIX HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE BETWEEN INTERSTATE NINETY-FIVE AND INTERSTATE TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE, THAT PORTION OF INTERSTATE TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE BETWEEN INTERSTATE SIX HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND INTERSTATE FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE, PORTION OF INTERSTATE FOUR HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE BETWEEN INTERSTATE TWO HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE AND THE QUEENS-NASSAU COUNTY BORDER. SUCH PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ONLY UPON: SUCH DEPARTMENT THAT THE LOAD PROPOSED IS OF ONE PIECE OR FINDING BY ITEM OR OTHERWISE CANNOT BE SEPARATED INTO UNITS OF LESS WEIGHT; (2) THE APPROVAL OF SUCH CITY; AND (3) WITH RESPECT TO BRIDGES AND HIGHWAYS OVER WHICH ANY AUTHORITY HAS JURISDICTION, THE APPROVAL OF SUCH AUTHORITY. SUCH VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OF VEHICLES OPERATING PURSUANT TO SUCH PERMIT SHALL NOT EXIT THE AFOREMENTIONED HIGHWAYS UNDER ITS OWN POWER IN ANY SUCH CITY NOT WHOLLY INCLUDED WITHIN ONE COUNTY.

36 [Bulk] (III) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, BULK milk may be 37 considered one piece or item.

38 S 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall 39 have become a law.