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substitute to HB 411:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 32-6-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to
2 weight of vehicles and loads on public roads, so as to provide for exceptions to the weight
3 and load limitations of vehicles operating on public roads; to provide for related matters; to
4 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 SECTION 1.

7 Code Section 32-6-26 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to weight of
8 vehicles and loads on public roads, is amended by revising subsection (g) as follows:

9 "(g)(1) The weight limitations provided for in this Code section, except the limitation in
10 subsections (f) and (h) of this Code section, may be exceeded on any public road within
11 this state which is not an interstate highway, or when making a pickup or delivery on any
12 public road of a county road system, without a permit only when the load on any single
13 axle does not exceed 23,000 pounds, the load on any tandem axle does not exceed 46,000
14 pounds, and the maximum total gross weight of the vehicle and load does not exceed
15 80,000 pounds when:

16 (A) Hauling forest products from the forest where cut to the first point of origin to the
17 final point of marketing or processing;

18 (B) Hauling live poultry, peanuts, or cotton from a farm to a processing plant;

19 (C) Hauling feed from a feed mill to a farm;

20 (D) Hauling granite, either block or sawed, or any other naturally occurring raw ore or
21 mineral for further processing, from the quarry or stockpile area to a processing plant
22 located in the same or an adjoining county and construction aggregates hauled to any
23 point, unless otherwise prohibited;

24 (E) Hauling solid waste or recovered materials from points of generation to a solid
25 waste handling facility or other processing facility;

26 (F) Hauling concrete that is in a freshly mixed and unhardened state for delivery to a
 27 customer; or

28 (G) Hauling poultry waste from the point of origin to a farm.

29 No lift axle may be used in computing the maximum total gross weight authorized for
 30 any vehicle or load under this paragraph.

31 (2) A vehicle which is hauling the products listed in subparagraphs (A) through ~~(F)~~ (G)
 32 of paragraph (1) of this subsection or which is hauling any other agricultural or farm
 33 product from a farm to the first point of marketing or processing shall be permitted a 5
 34 percent variance from the weight limitations in paragraph (1) of this subsection within
 35 a ~~100~~ 250 mile radius of the farm or point of origin. Any person who violates the load
 36 limitations provided for in this paragraph by exceeding the 5 percent variance per single
 37 axle, tandem axle, or maximum total gross weight shall be fined on the basis of the
 38 weight limitations of paragraph (1) of this subsection, including the variance allowed by
 39 this paragraph.

40 ~~(3) A vehicle which is hauling the products listed in subparagraph (G) of paragraph (1)~~
 41 ~~of this subsection shall be permitted a 5 percent variance from the weight limitations in~~
 42 ~~paragraph (1) of this subsection within a 250 mile radius of the farm or point of origin.~~
 43 ~~Any person who violates the load limitations provided for in this paragraph by exceeding~~
 44 ~~the 5 percent variance per single axle, tandem axle, or maximum total gross weight shall~~
 45 ~~be fined on the basis of the weight limitations of paragraph (1) of this subsection and not~~
 46 ~~on the basis of the variance allowed by this paragraph.~~

47 ~~(4) Any vehicle carrying a load as authorized in this subsection at night shall be equipped~~
 48 ~~with lights clearly visible for a distance of not less than 300 feet from the front and rear~~
 49 ~~of the vehicle."~~

50 **SECTION 2.**

51 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.