

Amendment No. 18 to HB0850

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 412*

House Bill No. 850

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205(a)(8), is amended by deleting the subdivision and substituting instead the following:

(8)

(A) The commissioner has the authority to reduce the maximum gross weight of freight motor vehicles operating over lateral highways and secondary roads where through weakness of structure in either the surface of or the bridges over the lateral highways or secondary roads, the maximum loads provided by law, in the opinion of the commissioner, injure or damage the roads or bridges.

(B) The appropriate county officials shall have the same authority as to county roads; provided, however, that any reduction below the weight limit set by the commissioner pursuant to this section shall be void and of no effect if a county official:

(i) Reduces the weight limit on:

(a) The roadway surface of a county road below any weight limit set by the commissioner pursuant to this chapter for any highway or secondary road on the state highway system in that county; or

(b) A bridge below the weight limit recommended by the department pursuant to its bridge inspection program; and

(ii) Prevents the transportation of any farm product, as defined in § 43-26-102, or timber, as defined in § 43-28-301.

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SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-7-205, is further amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

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(1) Any landowner, or landowner's designee, engaged in, or causing to be engaged in, the transportation of timber on county roads shall provide notice to the county highway department of the county in which the transportation originates at least four (4) days prior to the commencement of the transportation.

The notice shall contain:

(A) The estimated date or dates the use of county roads will commence;

(B) The point or points of entry onto county roads; and

(C) The intended route to be taken.

(2) The notice may be given in person or by United States mail, electronic mail, or facsimile.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.