

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 412 – HB 850

February 28, 2015

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Authorizes county highway officials to reduce the maximum gross weight of freight vehicles transporting mobile homes on county roads and bridges for the purpose of preventing damage to such roads and bridges.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003614):** Deletes all language of the original bill. Declares that any reduction of the maximum gross weight restriction for freight motor vehicles made by a county official relative to a county road be void and of no effect with regards to the transportation of farm or timber products.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 55-7-205(a)(8), county officials currently have authority to reduce the gross weight restrictions on county roads relative to the transportation of any type of freight.
- Under the provisions of this bill as amended, the authority for county officials to reduce the gross maximum weight restriction on county roads would be slightly diminished, with respect to the transportation of farm or timber products, for any such reduced weight restriction would not apply to the transportation of farm or timber products for they would be void and of no effect.
- According to the Tennessee County Highway Officials Association, Tennessee weight limits are not currently being enforced due to the lack of law enforcement personnel, which allows for unrestricted unregulated weight limits.
- Given that gross weight restrictions are not strictly enforced by local law enforcement under current law, it is not anticipated that the level of enforcement will change significantly as a result of the amended bill. Therefore, any fiscal impact to state or local government is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

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The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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