

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1991 SESSION

CHAPTER 112
HOUSE BILL 299

AN ACT TO SIMPLIFY THE DESIGNATION OF TRUCK ROUTES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-116(h) reads as rewritten:

"(h) Whenever there exist two highways of the ~~primary~~ State highway system of approximately the same distance between two or more points, the Department of Transportation ~~shall have authority~~ may, when in the opinion of the Department of Transportation, based upon engineering and traffic investigation, safety will be promoted or the public interest will be ~~served thereby, to served~~, designate one of ~~said~~ the highways the 'truck route' between ~~said those~~ points, and to prohibit the use of the other highway by heavy trucks or other vehicles of a gross vehicle weight or axle load limit in excess of a designated maximum. In such instances the highways ~~so~~ selected for heavy vehicle traffic shall be ~~so~~ designated as 'truck routes' by signs conspicuously ~~posted thereon, posted~~, and the highways upon which heavy vehicle traffic is prohibited shall likewise be ~~so~~ designated by signs conspicuously posted ~~thereon~~ showing the maximum gross vehicle weight or axle load limits authorized for ~~said those~~ highways. The operation of any vehicle whose gross vehicle weight or axle load exceeds the maximum limits shown on ~~such~~ signs over the posted highway ~~thus posted~~ shall constitute a misdemeanor: Provided, that nothing ~~herein in this subsection~~ shall prohibit a truck or other motor vehicle whose gross vehicle weight or axle load exceeds that prescribed for ~~such those~~ highways from using ~~such highway them~~ when ~~the~~ its destination ~~of such vehicle~~ is located solely upon ~~said that~~ highway, road or street: Provided, further, that nothing ~~herein in this subsection~~ shall prohibit passenger vehicles or other light vehicles from using any highways ~~so~~ designated for heavy truck traffic."

Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of May, 1991.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives