

HB 2412 with HCA 1 -- LOCAL LOG TRUCK WEIGHT LIMITATIONS

SPONSOR: Fitzwater (144)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 15 to 0.

This bill provides that local log trucks and local log truck tractors may not exceed the weight limitation of 20,000 pounds on one axle, as provided in Section 304.180, RSMo, when operating outside the 100 mile radius from the forested site where the trucks or tractors transport harvested forest products.

HCA #1: This amendment would allow a local log truck to an extended distance local log truck permit for an additional \$200. This permit allows the truck to travel outside the 100-mile radius at weight limits specified for commercial vehicles.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that this bill would allow logging companies to use trucks registered as local log trucks and tractors to haul other forested products when the weather does not permit logging activities. Currently, these trucks must sit idle when companies cannot log due to inclement weather.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Fitzwater and Missouri Forest Products Association.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.