

March 31, 2020

To: Governor Philip B. Scott, via electronic mail

From: Vermont Truck and Bus Association, Vermont Fuel Dealers Association, Vermont Retail Grocers Association, and Associated General Contractors of Vermont

Dear Governor Scott:

Members of the Vermont trucking industry hereby request that you suspend for 90 days the enforcement of Title 23, Sections 1391a, 1392, 1400 and 1400a and parallel municipal ordinances relating to overweight vehicles on town highways, for essential truck traffic due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This is needed as it is very difficult if not impossible to obtain the municipal permits due to closures of town offices and the urgent nature of transport for necessary goods to health care providers, pharmacies, grocery stores, fuel customers, hardware retailers, and other “essential purposes”. The deadline for obtaining municipal overweight truck permits is March 31, 2020.

A limiting factor in this request is that the transportation must be as defined in the Governor’s Order, “performing work, services or functions deemed critical to public health and safety, as well as economic and national security, as set forth in Stay Home/Stay Safe”.

We therefor request a limited suspension of relevant statutes and ordinances so that delivery of essential freight will be allowed without consequence of being overweight on municipal roadways for the duration of the Covid-19 emergency.

Best regards and thank you for your leadership in this crisis.

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