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Overview

This bill establishes a weight limit “credit” for natural gas vehicles, so that the vehicles have increased gross vehicle and per-axle weight limits based on the increased weight of natural gas fuel systems compared to diesel fueling. It also makes technical changes to restructure weight limits credits into a new subdivision and move an unused definition.

Section

- 1** **Gross vehicle weight of all axles.** Removes language that provides a weight limit credit for idle- and emissions-reduction technology and providing proof to authorized agency representatives, which is being moved to a new subdivision (see section 2 of the bill).
- 2** **Weight limit credits; idle- and emissions-reduction technology; natural gas vehicles.**

Paragraph (a) substantially reproduces a provision that provides a weight limit credit for idle- and emissions-reduction technology, which is being moved from another section of statutes.

Paragraph (b) permits an increase in truck weight limits for vehicles powered by natural gas, calculated as the difference between a natural gas tank and fueling system compared to a comparable diesel fueling system (in the same manner as recently set under the federal FAST Act for operation on the Interstate system). The maximum increase under this credit allowance is 2,000 pounds.

Paragraph (c) clarifies that both of the above weight limit increases apply if the vehicle is appropriately equipped.

Section

- 3** **Revisor's instruction.** Directs the Revisor of Statutes to move a definition of “natural gas vehicle,” so that the term applies to the chapter of statutes on traffic regulations and weight limits.