

1 Sec. 14. 23 V.S.A. § 1399 is amended to read:

2 § 1399. EXCEPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE  
3 EQUIPMENT; FIRE APPARATUS; AND HEAVY-DUTY TOW  
4 AND RECOVERY VEHICLES

5 (a) As used in this section, “heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicle” means a  
6 vehicle that:

7 (1) is transporting a disabled vehicle from the place where the vehicle  
8 became disabled to the nearest appropriate repair facility; and

9 (2) has a gross vehicle weight that is equal to or exceeds the gross  
10 vehicle weight of the disabled vehicle being transported.

11 (b) Nothing contained in sections 1391–1398 of this title; shall restrict the  
12 weight of:

13 (1) ~~snow~~ Snow plows, road machines, oilers, traction engines, tractors,  
14 rollers, power shovels, dump wagons, trucks, or other construction or  
15 maintenance equipment when used by any town, incorporated village, city, or  
16 ~~state~~ the State in the construction or the maintenance of any highway, provided  
17 that such construction or maintenance is performed by persons employed by or  
18 under contract with such town, incorporated village, city, or the State for this  
19 purpose. However, any operation of motorized highway building equipment or  
20 road making appliances used in construction work contracted by a town,

1 incorporated village, city, or the State shall be unrestricted as to weight only  
2 within a construction area.

3 ~~(2) Nothing contained in sections 1391–1398 of this title shall restrict the~~  
4 ~~weight of municipal~~ Municipal and volunteer fire apparatus.

5 (3) Heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicles on the Dwight D. Eisenhower  
6 System of Interstate and Defense Highways.

7 **[SEC. 15 OMITTED]**

8 Sec. 15a. 23 V.S.A. § 1437 is added to read:

9 § 1437. EXCEPTION FOR TOWAWAY TRAILER TRANSPORTER

10 COMBINATION

11 (a) As used in this section:

12 (1) “Trailer transporter towing unit” means a power unit that is not used  
13 to carry property when operating in a towaway trailer transporter combination.

14 (2) “Towaway trailer transporter combination” means a combination of  
15 vehicles consisting of a trailer transporter towing unit and two trailers or  
16 semitrailers with a total weight that does not exceed 26,000 pounds and in  
17 which the trailers or semitrailers carry no property and constitute inventory  
18 property of a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer of such trailers or  
19 semitrailers.

20 (b) Notwithstanding sections 1391–1398 of this title, a towaway trailer  
21 transporter combination may be operated on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System

1 of Interstate and Defense Highways; those classes of qualifying Federal-aid  
2 Primary System highways as designated by the Secretary of the U.S.  
3 Department of Transportation; and on highways leading to or from the Dwight  
4 D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways for a distance of  
5 one mile or less without a permit if the overall length does not exceed 82 feet  
6 unless the Vermont Secretary of Transportation finds the use of a specific  
7 highway to be unsafe.