

**S.339 (as passed by Senate)**

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

§ 1399. EXCEPTIONS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT; FIRE APPARATUS; HEAVY-DUTY TOW AND RECOVERY VEHICLES; AND TOWAWAY TRAILERS

(a) Definitions. As used in this section:

(1) “Heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicle” means a vehicle that:

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

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

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

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

(b) Weight restrictions. Nothing contained in sections ~~1391–1398~~ 1391–1398 of this title, shall restrict the weight of:

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“heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicle” means a vehicle that:

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

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

(1) snow Snow plows, road machines, oilers, traction engines, tractors, rollers, power shovels, dump wagons, trucks, or other

<p>construction or maintenance equipment when used by any town, incorporated village, city, or <del>state</del> <u>the State</u> in the construction or the maintenance of any highway <u>within the construction area</u>, provided that such construction or maintenance is performed by persons employed by or under contract with such town, incorporated village, city, or the State for this purpose. <del>However, any operation of motorized highway building equipment or road making appliances used in construction work contracted by a town, incorporated village, city, or the State shall be unrestricted as to weight only within a construction area.;</del></p> <p>(2) <del>Nothing contained in sections 1391–1398 of this title shall restrict the weight of municipal and volunteer fire apparatus; or</del></p> <p>(3) <u>heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicles on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.</u></p> <p>(c) <u>Length restrictions. Notwithstanding sections 1391–1398 of this title, a towaway trailer transporter combination may be operated on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways; those classes of qualifying Federal-aid Primary System highways as designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and on highways leading to or from the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways for a distance of one mile or less without a permit if the overall length does not exceed 82 feet unless the Vermont Secretary of Transportation finds the use of a specific highway to be unsafe.</u></p>	<p>construction or maintenance equipment when used by any town, incorporated village, city, or <del>state</del> <u>the State</u> in the construction or the maintenance of any highway , provided that such construction or maintenance is performed by persons employed by or under contract with such town, incorporated village, city, or the State for this purpose. <b>However, any operation of motorized highway building equipment or road making appliances used in construction work contracted by a town, incorporated village, city, or the State shall be unrestricted as to weight only within a construction area.</b></p> <p>(2) <del>Nothing contained in sections 1391–1398 of this title shall restrict the weight of municipal</del> <b>Municipal</b> and volunteer fire apparatus.</p> <p>(3) <b>Heavy-duty tow and recovery vehicles on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways.</b></p> <p><b>[MOVED TO NEW SEC. 15a]</b></p>
<p><b>[SEC. 15 OMITTED IN THIS SIDE-BY-SIDE]</b></p>	<p><b>[SEC. 15 OMITTED IN THIS SIDE-BY-SIDE]</b></p>

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

§ 1437. EXCEPTION FOR TOWAWAY  
TRAILER TRANSPORTER  
COMBINATION

(a) As used in this section:

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

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

(b) Notwithstanding sections 1391–1398 of this title, a towaway trailer transporter combination may be operated on the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways; those classes of qualifying Federal-aid Primary System highways as designated by the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation; and on highways leading to or from the Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and Defense Highways for a distance of one mile or less without a permit if the overall length does not exceed 82 feet unless the Vermont Secretary of Transportation finds the use of a specific highway to be unsafe.