

1 * * * Smugglers' Notch Motor Vehicle Limitations * * *

2 Sec. 21. 23 V.S.A. § 1006b is amended to read:

3 § 1006b. SMUGGLERS' NOTCH; WINTER CLOSURE OF VERMONT

4 ROUTE 108; **COMMERCIAL VEHICLE OPERATION**

5 **PROHIBITED**

6 (a) **Winter closure.** The Agency of Transportation may close the
7 Smugglers' Notch segment of Vermont Route 108 during periods of winter
8 weather.

9 (b) **Vehicle operation prohibition.**

10 (1) ~~As used in this subsection, "commercial vehicle" means truck-~~
11 ~~tractor semitrailer combinations and truck tractor trailer combinations.~~

12 (2) ~~Commercial~~ Single-unit motor vehicles over 40 feet in length and
13 combination vehicles over 45 feet in total length are prohibited from operating
14 on the Smugglers' Notch segment of Vermont Route 108.

15 (2)(3) ~~Either the~~ **The** operator of a **commercial** vehicle who violates this
16 subsection, ~~or~~ and the operator's employer, unless they are the same person,
17 shall each be subject to a civil penalty of ~~\$1,000.00.~~ **If \$1,500.00 or, if** the
18 violation results in substantially impeding the flow of traffic on Vermont Route
19 108, ~~the penalty shall be \$2,000.00~~ **a civil penalty of \$3,000.00.** For a second
20 or subsequent conviction within a three-year period, the **applicable** penalty **or**
21 **penalties** shall be doubled.

1 (3) The prohibition in subdivision (1) of this subsection shall not apply
2 to law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services, and search and rescue
3 vehicles involved in training or responding to real world incidents.

4 (c) Required signage. The Agency shall erect signs conforming to the
5 standards established by section 1025 of this title to indicate the closures and
6 restrictions authorized under this section.