
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: **HB 486**
DATE 3/15/02
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HB 486

HB 486 extends the repealer date from 2002 to 2005 for the laws that authorize MDOT to issue harvest permits. HB 486 also amends current law to extend the harvest permit program to vehicles hauling wood chips, wood shavings and sawdust.

The harvest permit law lets farmers, loggers and other haulers carry weights as much as 4,000 pounds more than the maximum 80,000 limit on most roads. Haulers have to obtain \$25 permits.

During floor debate, Senator Bryan argued that this bill would only add to the damage that roads are incurring from heavier vehicles. Senator Dearing said that the bill was important to the timber industry.

HB 486 is effective July 1, 2002.

I recommend that you sign HB 486.