SEC. 163. VEHICLE WEIGHT EXEMPTIONS.

Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(w) CERTAIN LOGGING VEHICLES.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall waive, with respect to a covered logging vehicle, the application of any vehicle weight limit established under this section.

“(2) COVERED LOGGING VEHICLE DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term ‘covered logging vehicle’ means a vehicle that—

“(A) is transporting raw or unfinished forest products, including logs, pulpwood, biomass, or wood chips;

“(B) is traveling a distance not greater than 150 air miles on the Interstate from origin to a storage or processing facility; and
“(C) meets State legal weight tolerances and vehicle configurations for transporting raw or unfinished forest products within the State boundaries in which the vehicle is operating.

“(3) Application of weight tolerances.—The waiver in this subsection shall only apply with respect to a State legal weight tolerance in effect on the date of enactment of this subsection.”.