

MULTI-STATE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT  
RESOLUTION 2008-804 IN SUPPORT OF ADDITIONAL GROSS VEHICLE  
WEIGHT ALLOWANCE FOR AUXILIARY POWER UNITS

WHEREAS, reducing unnecessary truck engine idling will improve air quality, reduce fuel consumption and lower CO2 emissions, and

WHEREAS, weather conditions require the cooling or heating of the cab of trucks both while traveling or as rest, and

WHEREAS, recent technological developments have made the installation of auxiliary power units (both electric and petroleum operated) on trucks feasible, and

WHEREAS, the use of auxiliary power units will replace the use of idling the main engine of the truck while will substantially reduce noise, emissions and fuel consumption, and

WHEREAS, the auxiliary power unit adds additional weight to a truck, and

WHEREAS, trucks traveling across borders must comply with each states regulations including gross vehicle weights, and

WHEREAS, the USDOT has provided for an increase of 400 pounds on all gross vehicle weights for commercial vehicles when these vehicles are equipped with auxiliary power units.

NOW, THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that MHTA encourage each of its member states to increase the allowed gross vehicle weights by 400 pounds for each vehicle equipped with an auxiliary power unit.

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