

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 96-28

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared (Executive Order Number 96-22) and the South Carolina Comprehensive Emergency Preparedness Plan was placed into effect regarding Hurricane Fran; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Hurricane Fran, significant damage has been done to hundreds of thousands of acres of forested land in Eastern North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the destruction of this timberland, an emergency exists making it necessary to salvage and use as much of the damaged timber as possible in the shortest length of time possible so as to minimize total waste and rottage of this valuable natural resource; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to expedite the delivery of this perishable natural resource to consuming manufacturers both inside and outside the State of South Carolina.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as Governor, pursuant to the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby direct the South Carolina Department of Public Safety to place a moratorium for sixty (60) days on the vehicle gross weight of vehicles set forth in Section 56-5-4140. However, the overall gross vehicle weight shall not exceed ninety thousand (90,000) pounds and will include a maximum single axle weight not to exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds and a maximum tandem axle weight not to exceed forth thousand (40,000) pounds.

This moratorium is for vehicles transporting trees and by-products from the devastation caused by Hurricane Fran. The moratorium shall also be for vehicle transportation, sand, and riprap for the restoration or preservation of habitable structures on the beach.

This Order shall be effective immediately for a period of sixty (60) days. If warranted, this Order may be extended if it is deemed that the effort to salvage timbers needs to continue.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS
16TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1996**

**DAVID M. BEASLEY
GOVERNOR**

Attest:

James M. Miles
Secretary of State

Last Updated: Tuesday, July 7, 2009 at 11:18 A.M.