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### Section

- 1 **Enhanced penalty for avoiding scales; limit on weight penalties.** Provides that a person found guilty of a gross weight violation who is also found by the court to have knowingly attempted to evade permanent scales to avoid weighing is subject to an additional penalty equal to twice the civil penalty that would otherwise apply for the violation.  
Limits to \$10,000 the maximum civil penalty that may be imposed on a person for violating gross weight laws for motor vehicles.
- 2 **Record keeping.** Amends the "relevant evidence" law that allows weight records to be used as evidence of gross weight violations by reducing from 30 to 14 days the time that persons who receive shipments must keep these records on file and available for inspection by law enforcement agents.
- 3 **Limit on inspection and copying.** Allows a civil penalty for excess gross weight to be imposed based on a weight record only if the record was inspected and copied by a law enforcement officer or motor transportation representative within 14 days of the date the shipment was received.