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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; in fees, further providing for annual hauling
4 permits; and, in size, weight and load, further providing for
5 conditions of permits and security for damages and providing
6 for permit for movement of commercial implements of husbandry
7 and farm equipment and for permit for movement of
8 agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or
9 fertilizer.

10 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
11 hereby enacts as follows:

12 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
13 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
14 § 102. Definitions.

15 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
16 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
17 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
18 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
19 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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21 "Agricultural liming material." A product whose calcium and

1 magnesium compounds are capable of neutralizing soil acidity.

2 "Agricultural seed." The term includes the seed of grass,
3 forage, cereal, oil and fiber crops and any other kind of seed
4 commonly recognized within this Commonwealth as agricultural
5 seed and mixture of such seed.

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7 Section 2. Section 1943 of Title 75 is amended by adding
8 subsections to read:

9 § 1943. Annual hauling permits.

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11 (q.3) Movement of commercial implements of husbandry and
12 farm equipment.--The annual permit for movement of commercial
13 implements of husbandry and farm equipment as provided in
14 section 4976.3 (relating to permit for movement of commercial
15 implements of husbandry and farm equipment), shall be \$450.

16 (q.4) Agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or
17 fertilizer.--The annual fee for the movement of agricultural
18 liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer as provided for
19 in section 4979.7 (relating to permit for movement of
20 agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer)
21 shall be \$788.

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23 Section 3. Section 4962(f) and (f.6) of Title 75 are amended
24 to read:

25 § 4962. Conditions of permits and security for damages.

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27 (f) When loads permitted.--Only vehicles and combinations
28 permitted or transporting vehicles permitted for movement under
29 the following provisions shall be authorized to carry or haul
30 loads while operating under the permit:

1 Section 4961(a) (2), (3) and (6) (relating to authority to
2 issue permits).

3 Section 4965 (relating to single permits for multiple
4 highway crossings).

5 Section 4968 (relating to permit for movement during
6 course of manufacture).

7 Section 4974 (relating to permit for movement of
8 containerized cargo).

9 Section 4975 (relating to permit for movement of special
10 mobile equipment).

11 Section 4976 (relating to permit for movement of domestic
12 animal feed and whole or unprocessed grain).

13 Section 4976.1 (relating to permit for movement of live
14 domestic animals).

15 Section 4976.2 (relating to permit for movement of eggs).

16 Section 4976.3 (relating to permit for movement of
17 commercial implements of husbandry and farm equipment).

18 Section 4977 (relating to permit for movement of wooden
19 structures).

20 Section 4978 (relating to permit for movement of building
21 structural components).

22 Section 4979 (relating to permit for movement of
23 particleboard or fiberboard used in the manufacture of ready-
24 to-assemble furniture).

25 Section 4979.1 (relating to permit for movement of bulk
26 refined oil).

27 Section 4979.2 (relating to permit for movement of waste
28 coal [and], beneficial combustion ash or limestone).

29 Section 4979.3 (relating to permit for movement of float
30 glass or flat glass for use in construction and other end

1 uses).

2 Section 4979.4 (relating to permit for movement of self-
3 propelled cranes).

4 Section 4979.5 (relating to permit for movement of
5 nonhazardous liquid glue).

6 Section 4979.6 (relating to permit for movement of waste
7 tires).

8 Section 4979.7 (relating to permit for movement of
9 agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or
10 fertilizer).

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12 (f.6) One certified escort vehicle.--

13 (1) [A] Except as provided in section 4976.3, a super
14 load, as defined in section 3108(c) (relating to drivers of
15 certified escort vehicles), shall be required to maintain one
16 certified escort vehicle under section 4573(b) (relating to
17 identification of certain vehicles) unless otherwise
18 determined under section 4901(c) that an additional certified
19 escort vehicle or a Pennsylvania State Police escort is
20 necessary.

21 (2) The requirements of this subsection are in addition
22 to, not in lieu of, all other pilot car requirements for the
23 super load movement.

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25 Section 4. Title 75 is amended by adding sections to read:

26 § 4976.3. Permit for movement of commercial implements of
27 husbandry and farm equipment.

28 (a) Authorization.--An annual permit may be issued for the
29 movement or operation on highways of commercial implements of
30 husbandry or farm equipment that exceed the maximum width

1 specified in Subchapter B (relating to width, height and length)
2 and maximum vehicle gross weight specified in Subchapter C
3 (relating to maximum weights of vehicles), subject to the
4 following conditions:

5 (1) The overall gross weight of the commercial implement
6 of husbandry or farm equipment or the vehicle or combination
7 transporting the commercial implement of husbandry or farm
8 equipment may not exceed 95,000 pounds.

9 (2) The weight on any nonsteering axle of the commercial
10 implement of husbandry or farm equipment or the vehicle or
11 combination transporting the commercial implement of
12 husbandry or farm equipment may not exceed 21,000 pounds.

13 (3) The overall width of the commercial implement of
14 husbandry or farm equipment or the vehicle or combination
15 transporting the commercial implement of husbandry or farm
16 equipment, including load, may not exceed 21 feet.

17 (4) The movement of the commercial implement of
18 husbandry or farm equipment may only occur between sunrise
19 and sunset.

20 (5) For movement of a commercial implement of husbandry
21 or farm equipment greater than 16 feet in width:

22 (i) The vehicle shall be illuminated with additional
23 lighting on all sides as to be visible from 1,000 feet in
24 all directions.

25 (ii) The vehicle shall be accompanied with a pilot
26 car escort that is equipped with lighting and operated in
27 accordance with regulations promulgated by the
28 department.

29 (6) The maximum travel distance may not exceed 50 miles
30 from the place of origin as shown on the permit.

1 (b) Movement on interstate highways prohibited.--No permit
2 may be issued that would authorize the movement or operation of
3 commercial implements of husbandry or farm equipment on an
4 interstate highway.

5 (c) Construction.--This section shall not be construed to
6 require accompaniment by a certified escort vehicle or operation
7 of pilot car escort by a certified escort vehicle driver as a
8 condition for authorized movement or operation of a vehicle
9 permitted under this section.

10 § 4979.7. Permit for movement of agricultural liming material,
11 agricultural seed or fertilizer.

12 (a) Gross and nonsteering axle weights.--An annual permit
13 may be issued for the movement on highways of agricultural
14 liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer, in bulk, which
15 exceeds the maximum vehicle gross weight specified in Subchapter
16 C (relating to maximum weights of vehicles). The weight of a
17 vehicle permitted under this section may not exceed 95,000
18 pounds overall gross weight, and the weight on a nonsteering
19 axle may not exceed 21,000 pounds.

20 (b) Limitations on use.--

21 (1) A permit issued under this section shall only be
22 used from March through June.

23 (2) No permit may be issued for this type of movement
24 upon an interstate highway.

25 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
26 "fertilizer" shall mean a substance, containing one or more
27 recognized plant nutrients which is used for its plant nutrient
28 content and which is designed for use or claimed to have value
29 in promoting plant growth, except unmanipulated animal manure
30 and plant remains, agricultural liming materials, wood ashes and

1 other materials exempted by regulation by the Department of
2 Agriculture.

3 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.