



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 2372

PRINTERS NO. 4219 PRIME SPONSOR: Hickernell

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2012/13	FY 2013/14
General Fund	\$0	\$0
Motor License Fund	\$0	\$0
Municipal Funds	\$0	\$0

SUMMARY: Amends Title 75 (Vehicle Code) to provide for multipurpose agricultural vehicles, for registration and inspection exemptions of implements of husbandry and farm vehicles, and for widths of implements of husbandry. The registration exemptions in this legislation would take effect in 120 days. The remainder of this legislation would take effect in 60 days.

ANALYSIS: This legislation would amend the definition of “multipurpose agricultural vehicle,” to increase the width by two inches (from 60 to 62) and the weight by 800 pounds (from 1,200 to 2,000), to reflect the type of equipment that is now being manufactured. The legislation would also increase the distance any multipurpose agricultural vehicle exempt from registration can travel between farms from two to five miles.

The legislation would also amend the definition of “commercial implement of husbandry,” by clarifying that use must be on farms other than one owned or operated by the owner of the commercial implement, and by removing the 180-days/year use limitation.

The legislation would exempt from registration implements of husbandry (other than commercial implements of husbandry) used exclusively for agricultural operations when operated within 50 miles of the farm or farms owned or operated by the vehicle owner. The legislation would also exempt from registration any implement of husbandry, trailer or semitrailer being towed or hauled by a registration-exempt implement of husbandry or farm vehicle.

This legislation would create four types of farm vehicle registration exemptions:

- Type A replaces a component of Type I by increasing the distance of operation from 25 to 50 miles for daytime use of a vehicle not exceeding 10,000 pounds.
- Type B is a new category, but replaces a component of Type I and permits the daytime use of a vehicle between 10,000 and 17,000 pounds within 25 miles of the farm for certain purposes, and within 50 miles for repair.
- Type C replaces the current Type II and does not make any changes to the requirements.
- Type D replaces a component of Type I by increasing the distance of use from 25 to 50 miles for motor carrier vehicles displaying valid inspection.

All farm vehicles that are exempt from Types A-D registration are required to have a biennial certificate of exemption. The current biennial processing fee for Type I - 17,000 pounds or less is \$24. Since the new Type A and Type B are both for vehicles not exceeding 17,000 pounds, a new category of fee is created, and remains at \$24.

This legislation would also permit a registration-exempt implement of husbandry that meets the width, distance and safety requirements for special vehicles to tow a vehicle not exceeding 14 feet six inches in width at any time of the day or night. If the vehicle is being towed at night, the towed vehicle must be equipped with specific lighting.

This legislation would also increase the length of an articulated bus from 60 to 63 feet.

FISCAL IMPACT: This legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth or municipal funds.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.