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BILL NO. House Bill 2372

PRINTER'S NO. 4152

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

May 16, 2012

PRIME SPONSOR

Representative Hickernell

HISTORY OF BILL

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL

House Bill 2372 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes further providing for multipurpose agricultural vehicles, width of vehicles and implements of husbandry and registration and inspection exemptions of implements of husbandry and farm vehicles.

Specifically, this legislation does the following:

- Amends §102 (Definitions) by changing the definition of "Commercial implement of husbandry" to clarify that use must be on farms other than the farm or farms owned or operated by the owner of the commercial implement and removes the 180-days/year use limitation;

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- Amends §102 (Definitions) by changing the definition of a “multipurpose agricultural vehicle” to reflect an increase in the maximum width from 60 inches to 62 inches as well as an increase in the maximum weight from 1,200 pounds to 2,000 pounds;
- Exempts implements of husbandry (other than commercial implements of husbandry) from vehicle registration when operated within 50 miles of the farm or farms owned by the vehicle owner. The legislation also exempts implements of husbandry, trailers or semitrailers from vehicle registration when being towed or hauled by an exempt implement of husbandry or farm vehicle;
- Changes the scope of farm vehicle registration exemptions. Current law exempts from vehicle registration Type I and Type II farm vehicles with use and distance allowances. This legislation creates four types of farm vehicle registration exemptions:
 1. Type A: Replaces a component of Type I by increasing the distance of operation from 25 to 50 miles for daytime use and not exceeding 10,000lbs.
 2. Type B: Replaces a component of Type I and permits the daytime use of a vehicle between 10,000 and 17,000lbs within 25 miles of the farm for certain purposes and within 50 miles for repair.
 3. Type C: Replaces current Type II but does not make changes to the requirements.
 4. Type D: Replaces a component of Type I by increasing the distance of use from 25 to 50 miles for motor carrier vehicles displaying a valid inspection.
- Amends §1302 (17) (Vehicles exempt from registration) by increasing the distance a multipurpose agricultural vehicle exempt from vehicle registration may travel between farms from two to five miles apart; and
- Adds §4921 (b) (4.1) that allows for the towing of a vehicle not exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width by an implement of husbandry exempt from registration without any restriction as to time on highways.

This act shall take effect in 120 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The enactment of this legislation would have no adverse fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.