

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** Senate Bill 338

**PRINTER NO.** 503

**AMOUNT**

No Fiscal Impact

**FUND**

Motor License Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

February 27, 2019

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Senator Langerholc

**DESCRIPTION**

Senate Bill 338 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to extend the width of certain farm equipment permitted on highways, with additional conditions of travel.

§4921 (relating to width of vehicles) is amended by extending from 16 to 18 feet the maximum width of an implement of husbandry that may be hauled or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways. At least five business days' prior notice to the Department of Transportation by telephone is required, except in cases of emergency repair or servicing, for the following long trips:

- Trips within 50 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry; and
- Trips between farms or between a farm and a dealer or mechanic of the equipment located not more than 150 miles away.

For short trips within 25 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of the equipment, a pilot vehicle with continuously activated hazard signal lamps and an "oversize load" sign may precede the implement of husbandry.

"Implement of husbandry" is defined in Title 75 as farm equipment that meets all of the following criteria:

- 1) Is equipped with pneumatic tires except if prohibited by religious beliefs;
- 2) Is infrequently operated or moved upon highways;
- 3) Is used in agriculture for any of the following purposes:
  - i. performance of agriculture production or harvesting activities for the farmer's agricultural operations; or
  - ii. transportation of agricultural products or agricultural supplies for the benefit of the farmer's agricultural operations.

The term also includes earthmoving equipment and any other vehicle determined by the department to be an implement of husbandry.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds.