

SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NO. Senate Bill 793

PRINTER NO. 1765

AMOUNT

No Fiscal Impact

FUND

Motor License Fund

DATE INTRODUCED

July 8, 2019

PRIME SPONSOR

Senator Brooks

DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill 793 amends Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to provide for an exemption from a commercial driver’s license; to allow for an exemption for certain vehicles from weight and size restrictions on highways and bridges; and to provide certain conditions for hauling of dozers.

Title 75 is amended as follows:

- Section 1606 (relating to requirement for commercial driver’s license) is amended to exempt a driver, employed by a political subdivision operating a commercial motor vehicle within the boundaries of the political subdivision for the purpose of removing snow or ice from a roadway by plowing, sanding or salting, from obtaining a commercial driver’s license (CDL) if:
 - 1) A CDL driver is unable to operate the vehicle; or
 - 2) The political subdivision determines that a snow or ice emergency exists that requires additional assistance.
- Section 4902 (relating to restrictions on use of highways and bridges) is amended to exempt vehicles operated by or under contract with municipalities and local authorities for road maintenance or construction from vehicle weight or size restrictions on highways while maintaining or constructing municipal roads. Vehicles operated by persons under contract with municipalities or local authorities shall carry written documentation signed by an official of the municipality or local authority that specifically identifies the vehicle as exempt. This section is also amended to direct the Department of Transportation (department) to issue a statement of policy adopting an appropriate methodology to provide Letters of Local Determination that identify particular vehicles, routes or uses as local in nature. The methodology shall allow for exemptions to hauling in excess of posted weight limits for the at-risk industry of logging or other forest products experiencing a 20 percent decline in statewide employment between March 2002 and March 2019. The exemption sunset date of December 31, 2023, is removed.

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- Section 4962 (relating to conditions of permits and security for damages) is amended by adding a new subsection (f.7) (relating to movement of dozers) to allow a permitted vehicle or combination hauling a dozer with an attached blade in excess of 12 feet in width, but not wider than 15 feet, to move upon a highway if:
 - 1) A traffic protector guiderail device is securely fastened to the dozer; or
 - 2) The blade is angled so the total width of the load does not exceed 12 feet. A blade over 15 feet in width shall be removed and hauled separately.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Enactment of this legislation will have no fiscal impact on Commonwealth funds. The provision requiring the department to issue a statement of policy can be accomplished within existing budget and staffing levels.