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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SENATE BILL

No. 637

Session of  
1987

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INTRODUCED BY WENGER, HELFRICK, STAPLETON, HESS, MOORE, KELLEY,  
FUMO, MADIGAN, ANDREZESKI, CORMAN, PETERSON, WILT AND  
SALVATORE, MARCH 19, 1987

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AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 27, 1987

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AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, further providing for the use of farm truck plates, <—  
3 FOR REAR STOP LIGHTS AND FOR LIMITATIONS ON LENGTH OF  
4 PROJECTING LOADS; AND IMPOSING LIMITATIONS ON THE  
5 DISTRIBUTION OF GASOLINE TAX PROCEEDS TO MUNICIPALITIES.

6 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
7 hereby enacts as follows:

8 Section 1. Section 1344 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
9 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

10 § 1344. Use of farm truck plates.

11 (a) General rule.--A truck bearing farm truck registration  
12 plates shall be used exclusively upon a farm or farms owned or  
13 operated by the registrant of the vehicle or upon highways  
14 between:

15 (1) Parts of one such farm.

16 (2) Such farms.

17 (3) Such a farm or farms and a place of business for the  
18 purpose of buying or selling agricultural commodities or

1       supplies; for the examination of an applicant for a driver's  
2       license; or for the inspection, repair or servicing of the  
3       vehicle.

4       (b) Penalty.--Any person violating this section is guilty of  
5       a summary offense and shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to  
6       pay a fine of \$50 and shall, upon conviction for a second or  
7       subsequent offense, be sentenced to pay a fine of \$200.

8       SECTION 2.   SECTION 4303(B) OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED TO READ:       <—

9       § 4303.   GENERAL LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS.

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11       (B) REAR LIGHTING.--EVERY VEHICLE OPERATED ON A HIGHWAY  
12       SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A REAR LIGHTING SYSTEM INCLUDING, BUT NOT  
13       LIMITED TO, REAR LAMPS, REAR REFLECTORS, STOP LAMPS AND LICENSE  
14       PLATE LIGHT, IN CONFORMANCE WITH REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT.  
15       IF A VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A CENTRALLY MOUNTED REAR STOP  
16       LIGHT, A DECAL OR OVERLAY MAY BE AFFIXED TO THE CENTRALLY  
17       MOUNTED REAR STOP LIGHT IF THE DECAL OR OVERLAY MEETS ALL  
18       APPLICABLE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

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20       SECTION 3.   SECTION 4924 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
21       SUBSECTION TO READ:

22       § 4924.   LIMITATIONS ON LENGTH OF PROJECTING LOADS.

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24       (D) EXCEPTIONS.--THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A MOTOR  
25       VEHICLE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED AND BEING USED TO TRANSPORT ROOF  
26       TRUSSES.

27       SECTION 4.   SECTION 9511 OF TITLE 75 IS AMENDED BY ADDING A  
28       SUBSECTION TO READ:

29       § 9511.   ALLOCATION OF PROCEEDS.

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1       (H) DUTY OF SECRETARY.--PRIOR TO THE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION  
2       PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY SHALL DETERMINE WHICH  
3       MUNICIPALITIES OF THIS COMMONWEALTH ARE REQUIRED TO BE AND ARE  
4       NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL THE LAWS OF THIS  
5       COMMONWEALTH. CONCURRENT WITH THE ANNUAL DISTRIBUTION, THE  
6       SECRETARY SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF THE NONCOMPLIANCE  
7       TO THE AFFECTED MUNICIPALITIES, INCLUDING A CITATION TO THE  
8       APPROPRIATE LAW. IF, AFTER THE EXPIRATION OF A SIX-MONTH PERIOD,  
9       THE AFFECTED MUNICIPALITY HAS NOT CURED THE NONCOMPLIANCE OR HAS  
10       NOT TAKEN ANY ACTION TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE, THEN THE DEPARTMENT  
11       MAY WITHHOLD ALL FUTURE DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS SECTION.

12       Section 2 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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