

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY MAHER, GEIST, BAKER, BEAR, BOBACK, BROOKS, COX, CUTLER, EVANKOVICH, J. EVANS, EVERETT, FLECK, GIBBONS, GILLEN, GINGRICH, GODSHALL, GRELL, HARRIS, HESS, HICKERNELL, HUTCHINSON, KAUFFMAN, F. KELLER, LAWRENCE, LONGIETTI, MICOZZIE, MILLARD, MILLER, MOUL, OBERLANDER, PYLE, QUINN, REED, SAYLOR, SIMMONS, STEVENSON, SWANGER, TOOHL, VULAKOVICH, WATSON, STERN, KNOWLES, PICKETT AND DENLINGER, MAY 16, 2012

SENATOR CORMAN, APPROPRIATIONS, IN SENATE, RE-REPORTED AS AMENDED, OCTOBER 1, 2012

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for width of vehicles.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. Section 4921(b) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
6 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

7 SECTION 1. SECTION 4921(B) INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH, (1) AND
8 (5) OF TITLE 75 OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CONSOLIDATED STATUTES ARE
9 AMENDED AND THE SUBSECTION IS AMENDED BY ADDING A PARAGRAPH TO
10 READ:

11 § 4921. Width of vehicles.

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13 (b) Special vehicles.--THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS DETERMINE
14 WIDTHS FOR SPECIAL VEHICLES, WITH EACH PARAGRAPH SPECIFICALLY

1 CONTROLLING ITS OWN SUBJECT MATTER IN THE EVENT OF A CONFLICT
2 WITH ANOTHER PARAGRAPH:

3 (1) Any implement of husbandry or vehicle loaded with
4 [vegetable produce or forage] crops or nutrients and not
5 exceeding [11] 12 feet in width may be driven, hauled or
6 towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other than
7 freeways.

8 ~~(2) Any implement of husbandry not exceeding 14 feet 6~~ ←
9 ~~inches in width may be driven, hauled or towed between~~
10 ~~sunrise and sunset on highways other than freeways:~~

11 ~~(i) Between parts of one farm owned or operated by~~
12 ~~the owner of the implement of husbandry.~~

13 ~~(ii) Between farms owned or operated by the owner of~~
14 ~~the implement of husbandry located not more than 50 miles~~
15 ~~apart.~~

16 ~~(iii) Between:~~

17 ~~(A) farms; or~~

18 ~~(B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a~~
19 ~~place of business of a mechanic or dealer in~~
20 ~~implements of husbandry;~~

21 ~~located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of~~
22 ~~buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing,~~
23 ~~demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of~~
24 ~~husbandry.~~

25 ~~(3) Special mobile equipment not exceeding nine feet two~~
26 ~~inches in width may be driven, hauled or towed between~~
27 ~~sunrise and sunset on highways other than freeways.~~

28 ~~(4) The department may regulate the operation of special~~
29 ~~vehicles subject to this subsection which regulations may~~
30 ~~prohibit the operation of special vehicles on certain days or~~

1 ~~during certain hours.~~

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3 (5) An implement of husbandry or vehicle used
4 [exclusively for highly perishable crops for processing] for
5 crops or nutrients and not exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in
6 width may be operated on highways other than freeways between
7 ~~sunset and sunrise [only during the period of May 20 to~~
8 ~~October 15]. The implement or vehicle, when used at this~~
9 ~~time, shall have two rotating yellow beacons and vehicular~~
10 ~~hazard signal lamps operating.~~

11 ~~(6) Commercial implements of husbandry not exceeding 12-~~
12 ~~feet in width, including wheels and tires, may be driven,~~
13 ~~hailed or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other~~
14 ~~than freeways. SUNSET AND SUNRISE [ONLY DURING THE PERIOD OF~~
15 ~~MAY 20 TO OCTOBER 15]. THE IMPLEMENT OR VEHICLE, WHEN USED AT~~
16 ~~THIS TIME, SHALL HAVE [TWO ROTATING YELLOW BEACONS] AND~~
17 ~~[VEHICULAR] OPERATE AT LEAST ONE FLASHING OR REVOLVING YELLOW~~
18 ~~LIGHT OR STROBE LIGHT, WHICH SHALL BE MOUNTED TO PROVIDE~~
19 ~~VISIBILITY TO VEHICLES APPROACHING FROM ANY DIRECTION, 360-~~
20 ~~DEGREE VISIBILITY, REGARDLESS OF THE METHOD OF MOUNTING, AND~~
21 ~~HAZARD [SIGNAL LAMPS OPERATING] SIGNALS.~~

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23 (7) As used in this section, the following words and
24 phrases shall have the meanings given to them in this
25 subsection:

26 "Crop." The term includes, but is not limited to:

27 (i) Field crops, including corn, wheat, oats, rye,
28 barley, hay, potatoes and dry beans.

29 (ii) Fruits, including apples, peaches, grapes,
30 cherries and berries.

1 (iii) Vegetables, including tomatoes, snap beans,
2 cabbage, carrots, beets, onions and mushrooms.

3 "Nutrient." The term includes, but is not limited to:

4 (i) A substance or recognized plant nutrient,
5 element or compound that is used or sold for its plant
6 nutritive content or its claimed nutritive value.

7 (ii) Livestock and poultry manures and their
8 byproducts, compost used as fertilizer, commercially
9 manufactured chemical fertilizers, biosolids or
10 combinations of commercially manufactured chemical
11 biosolids.

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect ~~immediately~~ IN 60
14 DAYS.

