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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)(2) and (5) of Title 75 of the
6 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the
7 subsection is amended by adding paragraphs to read:

8 § 4921. Width of vehicles.

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10 (b) Special vehicles.--

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

15 (i) Between parts of one farm owned or operated by

1 the owner of the implement of husbandry.

2 (ii) Between farms owned or operated by the owner of
3 the implement of husbandry located not more than 50 miles
4 apart.

5 (iii) Between:

6 (A) farms; or

7 (B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a
8 place of business of a mechanic or dealer in
9 implements of husbandry;
10 located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of
11 buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing,
12 demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of
13 husbandry.

14 (iv) Between a farm owned or operated by the owner
15 of the implement of husbandry and a farm operated by
16 another farmer located not more than 50 miles from the
17 farm of the owner of the implement of husbandry where the
18 owner or operator of the implement of husbandry is
19 providing agricultural services.

20 (2.1) Any implement of husbandry, exceeding 14 feet 6
21 inches and not exceeding 16 feet in width, may be driven,
22 hailed or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other
23 than freeways if the implement of husbandry is covered by
24 financial responsibility under paragraph (2.2)(viii) and is
25 preceded by a pilot vehicle that displays an "oversize load"
26 sign on the front of the vehicle and has continuously
27 activated hazard warning lamps. Implements of husbandry
28 subject to this paragraph may be driven, hauled or towed:

29 (i) Between parts of one farm owned or operated by
30 the owner of the implement of husbandry.

1 (ii) Between farms owned or operated by the owner of
2 the implement of husbandry located not more than 50 miles
3 apart.

4 (iii) Between:

5 (A) farms; or

6 (B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a
7 place of business of a mechanic or dealer in
8 implements of husbandry;
9 located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of
10 buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing,
11 demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of
12 husbandry.

13 (iv) Between a farm owned or operated by the owner
14 of the implement of husbandry and a farm owned or
15 operated by another farmer located not more than 50 miles
16 from the farm of the owner of the implement of husbandry
17 where the owner or operator of the implement of husbandry
18 is providing agricultural services.

19 (2.2) An implement of husbandry exceeding 14 feet 6
20 inches and not exceeding 16 feet in width may be driven,
21 hailed or towed on highways other than freeways between
22 sunset and sunrise within 25 miles of the farm or farms owned
23 or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry if all
24 of the following are met:

25 (i) the implement of husbandry is equipped with
26 reflective edgemarks that are visible from the front, the
27 rear and, as is practicable, from the side;

28 (ii) the implement of husbandry is equipped with and
29 is operating hazard lamps in accordance with the
30 regulations of the department;

1 (iii) the implement of husbandry is not driven or
2 towed at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour;

3 (iv) the implement of husbandry is driven or towed
4 by a person who is at least 18 years of age;

5 (v) the implement of husbandry is equipped with at
6 least one flashing or rotating light positioned to
7 indicate, as nearly as practicable, the extreme left side
8 of the implement and is visible for a distance of at
9 least 500 feet from the front and rear of the implement;

10 (vi) the implement of husbandry is equipped with and
11 is operating at least one rotating yellow beacon or
12 yellow strobe light at the top of the implement;

13 (vii) the implement of husbandry is followed by a
14 vehicle that is displaying continuously activated hazard
15 lamps; and

16 (viii) the implement of husbandry is covered by the
17 minimum levels of liability insurance coverage on the
18 vehicle as are required to be maintained under Chapter 17
19 (relating to financial responsibility) by owners of
20 registered motor vehicles. The requirement of this
21 subparagraph shall be met if the minimum amounts of
22 liability insurance coverage for the implement of
23 husbandry have been provided under farm liability
24 insurance coverage maintained generally by the owner.
25 Coverage prescribed under Subchapter B of Chapter 17
26 (relating to motor vehicle liability insurance first
27 party benefits) shall not be required to be maintained or
28 provided for the implement of husbandry.

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30 [(5) An implement of husbandry or vehicle used

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

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8 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.