

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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AS AMENDED ON SECOND CONSIDERATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE 5, 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)(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 WITHOUT ←
15 ANY RESTRICTION AS TO TIME. SUCH AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY

1 OPERATING BETWEEN SUNSET AND SUNRISE SHALL HAVE TWO ROTATING
2 YELLOW BEACONS AND VEHICULAR HAZARD SIGNAL LAMPS OPERATING.
3 SUCH AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY MAY BE DRIVEN:

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

6 (ii) Between farms owned or operated by the owner of
7 the implement of husbandry located not more than 50 miles
8 apart.

9 (iii) Between:

10 (A) farms; or

11 (B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a
12 place of business of a mechanic or dealer in
13 implements of husbandry;

14 located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of
15 buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing,
16 demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of
17 husbandry.

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

24 (2.1) Any implement of husbandry, exceeding 14 feet 6
25 inches and not exceeding 16 feet in width, may be driven,
26 hailed or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other
27 than freeways if the implement of husbandry is covered by
28 financial responsibility under paragraph (2.2)(viii) and is
29 preceded by a pilot vehicle that displays an "oversize load"
30 sign on the front of the vehicle and has continuously

1 activated hazard warning lamps. Implements of husbandry
2 subject to this paragraph may be driven, hauled or towed:

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

5 (ii) Between farms owned or operated by the owner of
6 the implement of husbandry located not more than 50 miles
7 apart.

8 (iii) Between:

9 (A) farms; or

10 (B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a
11 place of business of a mechanic or dealer in
12 implements of husbandry;

13 located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of
14 buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing,
15 demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of
16 husbandry.

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

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

29 (i) the implement of husbandry is equipped with
30 reflective edgemarks that are visible from the front, the

1 rear and, as is practicable, from the side;

2 (ii) the implement of husbandry is equipped with and
3 is operating hazard lamps in accordance with the
4 regulations of the department;

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

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

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

14 (vi) the implement of husbandry is equipped with and
15 is operating at least one rotating yellow beacon or
16 yellow strobe light at the top of the implement;

17 (vii) the implement of husbandry is followed by a
18 vehicle that is displaying continuously activated hazard
19 lamps; and

20 (viii) the implement of husbandry is covered by the
21 minimum levels of liability insurance coverage on the
22 vehicle as are required to be maintained under Chapter 17
23 (relating to financial responsibility) by owners of
24 registered motor vehicles. The requirement of this
25 subparagraph shall be met if the minimum amounts of
26 liability insurance coverage for the implement of
27 husbandry have been provided under farm liability
28 insurance coverage maintained generally by the owner.
29 Coverage prescribed under Subchapter B of Chapter 17
30 (relating to motor vehicle liability insurance first

1 party benefits) shall not be required to be maintained or
2 provided for the implement of husbandry.

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

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