

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY NESBIT, MILLARD, CAUSER, BERNSTINE, JOZWIAK,
SANKEY, A. HARRIS, DAY, OBERLANDER, ZIMMERMAN, WATSON AND
COX, JUNE 27, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 27, 2018

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in general provisions, further providing for
3 definitions; in fees, further providing for annual hauling
4 permits; and, in size, weight and load, providing for permit
5 for movement of agricultural liming material, agricultural
6 seed or fertilizer.

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

9 Section 1. Section 102 of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania
10 Consolidated Statutes is amended by adding definitions to read:
11 § 102. Definitions.

12 Subject to additional definitions contained in subsequent
13 provisions of this title which are applicable to specific
14 provisions of this title, the following words and phrases when
15 used in this title shall have, unless the context clearly
16 indicates otherwise, the meanings given to them in this section:

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18 "Agricultural liming material." A product whose calcium and
19 magnesium compounds are capable of neutralizing soil acidity.

1 "Agricultural seed." The term includes the seed of grass,
2 forage, cereal, oil and fiber crops and any other kind of seed
3 commonly recognized within this Commonwealth as agricultural
4 seed and mixture of such seed.

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6 Section 2. Section 1943 of Title 75 is amended by adding a
7 subsection to read:

8 § 1943. Annual hauling permits.

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10 (g.3) Agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or
11 fertilizer.--The annual fee for the movement of agricultural
12 liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer as provided for
13 in section 4979.7 (relating to permit for movement of
14 agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer)
15 shall be \$788.

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17 Section 3. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

18 § 4979.7. Permit for movement of agricultural liming material,
19 agricultural seed or fertilizer.

20 (a) Gross and nonsteering axle weights.--An annual permit
21 may be issued for the movement on highways of agricultural
22 liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer, in bulk, which
23 exceeds the maximum vehicle gross weight specified in Subchapter
24 C (relating to maximum weights of vehicles). The weight of a
25 vehicle permitted under this section may not exceed 95,000
26 pounds overall gross weight, and the weight on a nonsteering
27 axle may not exceed 21,000 pounds.

28 (b) Limitations on use.--

29 (1) A permit issued under this section shall only be
30 used from March through June.

1 (2) No permit may be issued for this type of movement
2 upon an interstate highway.

3 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term
4 "fertilizer" shall mean a substance, containing one or more
5 recognized plant nutrients which is used for its plant nutrient
6 content and which is designed for use or claimed to have value
7 in promoting plant growth, except unmanipulated animal manure
8 and plant remains, agricultural liming materials, wood ashes and
9 other materials exempted by regulation by the Department of
10 Agriculture.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.