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SENATOR K. WARD, TRANSPORTATION, AS AMENDED, MARCH 27, 2019

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for
3 width of vehicles.

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

6 Section 1. Section 4921(b)(2.1) and (2.2) of Title 75 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

8 § 4921. Width of vehicles.

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10 (b) Special vehicles.--The following paragraphs determine
11 widths for special vehicles, with each paragraph specifically
12 controlling its own subject matter in the event of a conflict
13 with another paragraph:

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15 (2.1) Any implement of husbandry exceeding 14 feet 6
16 inches and not exceeding [16] 18 feet in width may be driven,
17 hauled or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other
18 than freeways if the implement of husbandry is covered by

1 financial responsibility under paragraph (2.2) (vi) and is
2 preceded by a pilot vehicle that displays an "oversize load"
3 sign on the front of the vehicle and has continuously
4 activated hazard signal lamps. The implement of husbandry
5 shall have and operate at least one flashing or revolving
6 yellow light or yellow strobe light, which shall be mounted
7 to provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any
8 direction, 360° visibility, regardless of the method of
9 mounting and hazard signal lamps. Implements subject to this
10 paragraph may be driven, hauled or towed:

11 (i) Within 50 miles of any farm owned or operated by
12 the owner of the implement of husbandry.

13 (ii) Between:

14 (A) farms; or

15 (B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a
16 place of business of a mechanic or dealer in
17 implements of husbandry;

18 located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of
19 buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing,
20 demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of
21 husbandry[.] WITH AT LEAST FIVE BUSINESS DAYS' PRIOR <--
22 NOTICE TO THE DEPARTMENT BY TELEPHONE. IN CASES OF
23 EMERGENCY REPAIR OR SERVICING, ADVANCE NOTICE IS NOT
24 REQUIRED.

25 (2.2) An implement of husbandry exceeding 14 feet 6
26 inches and not exceeding [16] 18 feet in width may be driven,
27 hauled or towed, AND MAY BE PRECEDED BY A PILOT VEHICLE THAT <--
28 DISPLAYS AN "OVERSIZE LOAD" SIGN ON THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE
29 AND HAS CONTINUOUSLY ACTIVATED HAZARD SIGNAL LAMPS, on
30 highways other than freeways between sunset and sunrise

1 within 25 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of
2 the implement of husbandry if all of the following are met:

3 (i) the implement of husbandry is equipped with
4 reflective edgemarks or lights to identify the outermost
5 edges of the rear and front of the implement that are
6 visible from the front, the rear and, as is practicable,
7 from each side;

8 (ii) the implement of husbandry shall have and
9 operate at least one flashing or revolving yellow light
10 or yellow strobe light, which shall be mounted to provide
11 visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction,
12 360° visibility, regardless of the method of mounting,
13 and hazard signal lamps;

14 (iii) the implement of husbandry is not driven,
15 hauled or towed at a speed greater than 25 miles per
16 hour;

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

19 (v) the implement of husbandry is followed by a
20 vehicle that is displaying an "oversize load" sign on the
21 rear of the vehicle and is operating continuously
22 activated hazard signal lamps; and

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

1 insurance coverage maintained generally by the owner.
2 Coverage prescribed under Subchapter B of Chapter 17
3 (relating to motor vehicle liability insurance first
4 party benefits) shall not be required to be maintained or
5 provided for the implement of husbandry.

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