

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE BILL

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INTRODUCED BY KEEFER, GLEIM, RYAN, METZGAR, ROTHMAN, ECKER, GROVE, IRVIN, ZIMMERMAN, COX, SAYLOR, MOUL, WHEELAND, ROWE AND STAMBAUGH, JANUARY 11, 2021

AS REPORTED FROM COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AS AMENDED, JUNE 22, 2022

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, in powers of department and local authorities,
3 further providing for promulgation of rules and regulations
4 by department.

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

7 Section 1. Section 6103(c)(1) of Title 75 of the
8 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended AND THE SECTION IS <--
9 AMENDED BY ADDING A SUBSECTION to read:

10 § 6103. Promulgation of rules and regulations by department.

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12 (c) Adoption of Federal statute, regulation, standard or
13 criteria.--The department shall be authorized to adopt by
14 reference any Federal statute, regulation, standard or criteria
15 or provision thereof relating to vehicles or drivers, including,
16 but not limited to, minimum driver qualifications, maximum hours
17 of service, loading, unloading, hazardous materials, operation,
18 equipment, records and inspection.

1           (1) The department shall be authorized to extend the  
2 coverage of any Federal statute, regulation, standard or  
3 criteria adopted under this subsection to vehicles and  
4 drivers operating only in intrastate commerce, except as  
5 follows:

6           (iii) No Federal statute, regulation, standard or  
7 criteria shall be extended to cover farm tractors or  
8 drivers of farm tractors, regardless of whether the farm  
9 tractor is operated as a combination.

10          (iv) No Federal statute, regulation, standard or  
11 criteria shall be extended to cover implements of  
12 husbandry other than farm tractors, farm vehicles or  
13 drivers of these vehicles, regardless of whether the  
14 vehicle is operated as a combination, provided that:

15           (A) the vehicle's or combination's gross weight,  
16 gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination  
17 weight rating does not equal or exceed 26,001 pounds;

18           (B) the vehicle or combination is not carrying  
19 hazardous materials in an amount that requires the  
20 towing or towed vehicle to be placarded under Chapter  
21 83 (relating to hazardous materials transportation);  
22 and

23           (C) the vehicle or combination is not designed  
24 or used to transport 16 or more people, including the  
25 driver.

26          (v) For purposes of [this paragraph] subparagraphs  
27 (iii) and (iv), the term "farm tractors" includes  
28 tractors designed for off-road agricultural use,  
29 combines, crop pickers, crop and forage harvesters,  
30 threshers, plows, tillers, planters, seeders, field



1 REQUIRES PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITIVE EVENT, NOTWITHSTANDING  
2 THE RECEIPT OF PRIZE MONEY OR SPONSORSHIP.

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