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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, further providing for  
5 conditions of permits and security for damages and providing  
6 for permit for movement of agricultural liming material,  
7 agricultural seed or fertilizer.

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

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

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

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19 "Agricultural liming material." A product whose calcium and  
20 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.2) 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. Section 4962(f) of Title 75 is amended to read:  
18 § 4962. Conditions of permits and security for damages.

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20 (f) When loads permitted.--Only vehicles and combinations  
21 permitted or transporting vehicles permitted for movement under  
22 the following provisions shall be authorized to carry or haul  
23 loads while operating under the permit:

24 Section 4961(a) (2), (3) and (6) (relating to authority to  
25 issue permits).

26 Section 4965 (relating to single permits for multiple  
27 highway crossings).

28 Section 4968 (relating to permit for movement during  
29 course of manufacture).

30 Section 4974 (relating to permit for movement of

1 containerized cargo).

2 Section 4975 (relating to permit for movement of special  
3 mobile equipment).

4 Section 4976 (relating to permit for movement of domestic  
5 animal feed and whole or unprocessed grain).

6 Section 4976.1 (relating to permit for movement of live  
7 domestic animals).

8 Section 4976.2 (relating to permit for movement of eggs).

9 Section 4977 (relating to permit for movement of wooden  
10 structures).

11 Section 4978 (relating to permit for movement of building  
12 structural components).

13 Section 4979 (relating to permit for movement of  
14 particleboard or fiberboard used in the manufacture of ready-  
15 to-assemble furniture).

16 Section 4979.1 (relating to permit for movement of bulk  
17 refined oil).

18 Section 4979.2 (relating to permit for movement of waste  
19 coal [and], beneficial combustion ash or limestone).

20 Section 4979.3 (relating to permit for movement of float  
21 glass or flat glass for use in construction and other end  
22 uses).

23 Section 4979.4 (relating to permit for movement of self-  
24 propelled cranes).

25 Section 4979.5 (relating to permit for movement of  
26 nonhazardous liquid glue).

27 Section 4979.6 (relating to permit for movement of waste  
28 tires).

29 Section 4979.7 (relating to permit for movement of  
30 agricultural liming material, agricultural seed or

1 fertilizer).

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3 Section 4. Title 75 is amended by adding a section to read:

4 § 4979.7. Permit for movement of agricultural liming material,  
5 agricultural seed or fertilizer.

6 (a) Gross and nonsteering axle weights.--An annual permit  
7 may be issued for the movement on highways of agricultural  
8 liming material, agricultural seed or fertilizer, in bulk, which  
9 exceeds the maximum vehicle gross weight specified in Subchapter  
10 C (relating to maximum weights of vehicles). The weight of a  
11 vehicle permitted under this section may not exceed 95,000  
12 pounds overall gross weight, and the weight on a nonsteering  
13 axle may not exceed 21,000 pounds.

14 (b) Limitations on use.--

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

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

19 (c) Definition.--As used in this section, the term  
20 "fertilizer" shall mean a substance, containing one or more  
21 recognized plant nutrients which is used for its plant nutrient  
22 content and which is designed for use or claimed to have value  
23 in promoting plant growth, except unmanipulated animal manure  
24 and plant remains, agricultural liming materials, wood ashes and  
25 other materials exempted by regulation by the Department of  
26 Agriculture.

27 Section 5. This act shall take effect in 60 days.