
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 AND WHEELAND,
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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JANUARY 11, 2021

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 to read:

9 § 6103. Promulgation of rules and regulations by department.

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

18 (1) The department shall be authorized to extend the

1 coverage of any Federal statute, regulation, standard or
2 criteria adopted under this subsection to vehicles and
3 drivers operating only in intrastate commerce, except as
4 follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 that are infrequently operated or moved upon highways and
2 that are used by a farmer in agricultural production.

3 (vi) No Federal statute, regulation, standard or
4 criteria shall be extended to cover a motor vehicle
5 transporting property along a highway, regardless of
6 whether the motor vehicle is operated as a combination,
7 provided that:

8 (A) the vehicle's or combination's gross weight,
9 gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination
10 weight rating does not equal or exceed 26,001 pounds;

11 (B) the vehicle or combination is not carrying
12 hazardous materials in an amount that requires the
13 towing or towed vehicle to be placarded under Chapter
14 83; and

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

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