## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

## **HOUSE BILL**

No. 54

Session of 2021

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,
- 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.
- 11 \* \* \*
- 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:
  - (iii) No Federal statute, regulation, standard or criteria shall be extended to cover farm tractors or drivers of farm tractors, regardless of whether the farm tractor is operated as a combination.
  - (iv) No Federal statute, regulation, standard or criteria shall be extended to cover implements of husbandry other than farm tractors, farm vehicles or drivers of these vehicles, regardless of whether the vehicle is operated as a combination, provided that:
    - (A) the vehicle's or combination's gross weight, gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating does not equal or exceed 26,001 pounds;
    - (B) the vehicle or combination is not carrying hazardous materials in an amount that requires the towing or towed vehicle to be placarded under Chapter 83 (relating to hazardous materials transportation); and
    - (C) the vehicle or combination is not designed or used to transport 16 or more people, including the driver.
  - (v) For purposes of [this paragraph] subparagraphs

    (iii) and (iv), the term "farm tractors" includes

    tractors designed for off-road agricultural use,

    combines, crop pickers, crop and forage harvesters,

    threshers, plows, tillers, planters, seeders, field

Т	sprayers, forage cutters, balers and similar venicles	
2	that are infrequently operated or moved upon highways and	
3	that are used by a farmer in agricultural production.	
4	(vi) No Federal statute, regulation, standard or	
5	criteria shall be extended to cover a motor vehicle	
6	transporting property along a highway IN THIS	<
7	COMMONWEALTH, regardless of whether the motor vehicle is	
8	operated as a combination, provided that ALL OF THE	<
9	FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE MET:	
10	(A) the vehicle's or combination's gross weight,	
11	gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination	
12	weight rating does not equal or exceed 26,001 pounds;	
13	(B) the vehicle or combination is not carrying	
14	hazardous materials in an amount that requires the	
15	towing or towed vehicle to be placarded under Chapter	
16	83; and	<
17	(C) the vehicle or combination is not designed	
18	or used to transport 16 or more people, including the	
19	driver→; AND	<
20	(D) THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR COMBINATION IS BEING	
21	USED TO TRANSPORT PROPERTY, INCLUDING A VEHICLE, TO	
22	OR FROM AN AMATEUR COMPETITIVE EVENT, REGARDLESS OF	
23	WHETHER THE MOTOR VEHICLE OR COMBINATION OWNER IS	
24	SPONSORED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE AMATEUR	
25	COMPETITIVE EVENT.	
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27	(F) DEFINITIONAS USED IN THIS SECTION, THE TERM "AMATEUR <	<b>:</b>
28	COMPETITIVE EVENT" SHALL MEAN A COMPETITION, TOURNAMENT OR	
29	ATHLETIC EVENT, INCLUDING MOTORSPORTS, WHERE THE COMPETITORS'	
30	PARTICIPATION IS NOT THE RESULT OF AN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT THAT	

- 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.