

SENATE BILL 2067

By Niceley

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 1 and Title 55, Chapter 4, relative to antique motor vehicles.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision (6):

(6)

(A) As used in this subsection (b):

(i) "Antique motor vehicle" also means a farm truck over twenty-five (25) years old with a nonmodified engine and body that is operated on a public highway for any of the following purposes:

(a) Crossing a highway;

(b) Operating on a highway for a distance of no more than seventy-five miles (75 mi.) from one (1) part of the owner's land being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes to another, regardless of whether the tracts adjoin;

(c) On the highway for the purpose of selling, testing the operation of, or obtaining repairs to or maintenance on the farm truck;

(d) Taking another vehicle exempt from registration, or a part or subcomponent of the vehicle, to or from a repair shop for repairs or maintenance, including return trips;

(e) Operating on a highway to and from a refuse disposal facility for the purpose of disposing of trash generated on a farm and incidental refuse from the farmer's or the farmer's employee's residence;

(f) Operating on a highway for a distance of no more than seventy-five miles (75 mi.) from the land being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes for the purpose of obtaining supplies for agricultural or horticultural purposes, seeds, fertilizers, chemicals, or animal feed;

(g) Transporting the farm truck's owner between the owner's residence and the land being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes;

(h) Used by the farm's owner or lessee on a seasonal basis in transporting farm produce and livestock along public highways for a distance of no more than seventy-five miles (75 mi.) from the land being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes or to a storage house, packing plant, or market;

(i) Owned by a farm's owner or lessee when the farm truck is operated or moved along a highway for no more than seventy-five miles (75 mi.) between a sawmill or sawmill site and the farm owner's land being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes to transport sawdust, wood shavings, slab wood, and other wood wastes; or

(j) Making a return trip from a marketplace, transporting back to a farm ordinary and essential food, including procuring a

meal for a farmer or the farmer's employees, and other products for residential and farm use while engaged in activities stated in subdivisions (b)(6)(A)(i)(a)–(i), or transporting supplies to the farm; and

(ii) "Farm truck":

(a) Means a panel truck, pickup truck, or sport utility vehicle that is used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes on a farm or land owned or leased by the farm truck's owner; and

(b) Does not include an implement of husbandry; farm machinery or a tractor; a vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating greater than seven thousand five hundred pounds (7,500 lbs.); or a trailer or semitrailer.

(B) Notwithstanding subdivision (b)(1), license plates issued to owners of antique motor vehicles as defined in subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) must bear the words "ANTIQUE FARM TRUCK" in capital letters at the bottom of the plate and a unique identifying number in the center of the plate. In addition to the application and other requirements in this subsection (b), an owner of an antique motor vehicle as defined in subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) shall:

(i) Certify that the person owns or leases another motor vehicle that is registered with a regular registration plate or a plate issued pursuant to parts 2 or 3 of this chapter other than an antique motor vehicle plate, and that is used primarily for general transportation; and

(ii) Provide the approximate location and acreage of the farm or land being used for agricultural or horticultural purposes and the type of commodity farmed.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-111(b)(3), is amended by deleting the language "Any person violating this section, or operating an antique motor vehicle for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday or a federal holiday," and substituting instead the following language:

A person violating this section, or operating an antique motor vehicle as defined in subdivision (b)(1) for general transportation purposes on a day other than Saturday or Sunday or a federal holiday, or operating an antique motor vehicle as defined in subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i) for general transportation purposes or for any purpose other than a purpose listed in subdivision (b)(6)(A)(i),

SECTION 3. This act takes effect July 1, 2024, the public welfare requiring it.