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Changes Related to Implements of Husbandry, Farm Vehicles and Vehicle Length

Act 174 of 2012 was signed into law October 24, 2012, and became effective February 21, 2013. This Act amends numerous Sections of Title 75, providing changes to definitions, and updates to Implement of Husbandry description, use, types, registration requirements, as well as Farm Vehicle certificates of exemption and one vehicle length change.

This Act changes definitions in Section 102 of Title 75 for “Commercial Implement of Husbandry,” and “Multipurpose Agricultural Vehicle.”

The Act also amends the following Sections of Title 75:

- Section 1302 was changed to establish additional exemptions from registration for Implements of Husbandry.
 - Any implement of husbandry, other than a Commercial Implement of Husbandry used exclusively for agricultural operations, is exempt from registration when operated within 50 miles of the farm or farms owned or operated by the vehicle owner.
 - Any implement of husbandry, trailer or semitrailer used exclusively for agricultural operations when being towed or hauled by an implement of husbandry or farm vehicle within 50 miles of the farm or farms owned or operated by the owner of the towed vehicle or hauled vehicle is exempt from registration.
- Sections 1924 and 4703 were changed to redefine three types of Farm Vehicle Certificates of Exemption.
 - **Type A** - A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or combination weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. Fee is \$24. Does not require annual safety inspection and may only be driven upon highways from sunrise to sunset.
 - **Type B** - A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or combination weight rating between 10,001 and 17,000 pounds. Fee is \$24. Does not require annual safety inspection and may only be driven upon highways from sunrise to sunset.
 - **Type C** - A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or combination weight rating of 17,001 pounds or greater. Fee is \$50. Does not require annual safety inspection and may only be driven upon highways from sunrise to sunset.
 - **Type D** - A vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating or combination weight rating of 17,001 pounds or greater. Fee is \$100. Requires annual safety inspection and may be driven upon highways without any time restrictions.
- Section 4921 was changed to establish new exemptions for moving oversize Implements of Husbandry on highways. The new exemption allows vehicles not exceeding 14 feet 6 inches in width to be towed by

an implement of husbandry that is exempt from registration under Section 1302, 2.1 and 2.2 without any restriction as to time on highways other than freeways, if all of the following apply:

- The implement of husbandry towing the vehicle is being operated in accordance with Section 4921.
 - The towed vehicle, when towed between sunset and sunrise, has and operates at least one flashing or revolving yellow light or yellow strobe light, which shall be mounted to provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction, (360-degree visibility) regardless of the method of mounting and hazard signal lamps.
- Section 4923 was changed to increase the length of an articulated bus from 60 feet to 63 feet.

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