

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 316.515,  
 3           F.S.; revising restrictions on use of certain agriculture-  
 4           related vehicles; providing conditions for use of  
 5           agricultural equipment and implements of husbandry;  
 6           authorizing the Department of Transportation to issue  
 7           blanket multitrip, overwidth permits for agricultural  
 8           equipment and implements of husbandry up to a certain size  
 9           and single-trip, overwidth permits for larger agricultural  
 10          equipment and implements of husbandry; providing for fees;  
 11          providing conditions for such use; providing an effective  
 12          date.

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 14   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16           Section 1. Subsection (5) of section 316.515, Florida  
 17   Statutes, is amended to read:

18           316.515   Maximum width, height, length.--

19           (5)   IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY; AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS;  
 20   FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.--

21           (a)   Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, straight  
 22   trucks, agricultural tractors, and cotton module movers, not  
 23   exceeding 50 feet in length, or any combination of up to and  
 24   including three implements of husbandry, including the towing  
 25   power unit, and any single agricultural trailer with a load  
 26   thereon are ~~or any agricultural implements attached to a towing~~  
 27   ~~power unit not exceeding 130 inches in width, or a self-~~  
 28   ~~propelled agricultural implement or an agricultural tractor not~~

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29 ~~exceeding 130 inches in width, is~~ authorized for the purpose of  
30 transporting ~~peanuts, grains, soybeans, cotton, hay, straw, or~~  
31 ~~other perishable~~ farm products from their point of production to  
32 the first point of change of custody or of long-term storage,  
33 and for the purpose of returning to such point of production, or  
34 for the purpose of moving ~~such tractors, movers, and implements~~  
35 from one point of agricultural production to another, ~~by a~~  
36 ~~person engaged in the production of any such product or custom~~  
37 ~~hauler, if such vehicle or combination of vehicles otherwise~~  
38 ~~complies with this section. The Department of Transportation may~~  
39 ~~issue overwidth permits for implements of husbandry greater than~~  
40 ~~130 inches, but not more than 170 inches, in width. The~~  
41 Department of Transportation may issue overlength permits for  
42 cotton module movers greater than 50 feet but not more than 55  
43 feet in overall length. Such vehicles shall be operated in  
44 accordance with all safety requirements prescribed by law and  
45 rules of the Department of Transportation.

46 (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,  
47 agricultural equipment and implements of husbandry not exceeding  
48 192 inches in width used for agricultural purposes are  
49 authorized for the purpose of moving from one point of  
50 agricultural production to another, if such movement is  
51 performed during daylight hours within a radius of 50 miles of  
52 the point of origin and no part of such movement is upon any  
53 highway designated as a part of the national system of  
54 interstate and defense highways or any fully controlled access  
55 highway facility. The Department of Transportation may issue  
56 blanket multitrip, overwidth permits for agricultural equipment

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57 and implements of husbandry greater than 192 inches but no more  
58 than 264 inches in width. The annual fee for the blanket  
59 multitrip, overwidth permit shall be \$25. The Department of  
60 Transportation may issue single-trip, overwidth permits for  
61 agricultural equipment and implements of husbandry greater than  
62 264 inches in width. The fee for a single-trip, overwidth permit  
63 shall be \$50 and the equipment must have flags, lights, signs,  
64 and an escort. Such vehicles shall be operated in accordance  
65 with all safety requirements prescribed by law and rules of the  
66 Department of Transportation.

67 (c) ~~(b)~~ Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
68 equipment not exceeding 136 inches in width and not capable of  
69 speeds exceeding 20 miles per hour which is used exclusively for  
70 harvesting forestry products is authorized for the purpose of  
71 transporting equipment from one point of harvest to another  
72 point of harvest, not to exceed 10 miles, by a person engaged in  
73 the harvesting of forestry products. Such vehicles must be  
74 operated during daylight hours only, in accordance with all  
75 safety requirements prescribed by s. 316.2295(5) and (6).

76 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008.