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CHAMBER ACTION

<u>Senate</u>	.	<u>House</u>
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1 The Committee on Agriculture (Diaz de la Portilla) recommended
 2 the following **amendment**:

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 4 **Senate Amendment (with directory and title amendments)**

5 Delete line(s) 16-71

6 and insert:

7
 8 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.--

9 (5) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY AND FARM EQUIPMENT;
 10 AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS; FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.--

11 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, straight
 12 trucks, agricultural tractors, and cotton module movers, not
 13 exceeding 50 feet in length, or any combination of up to and
 14 including three implements of husbandry, including the towing
 15 power unit, and any single agricultural trailer with a load
 16 thereon or any agricultural implements attached to a towing power
 17 unit ~~not exceeding 130 inches in width~~, or a self-propelled



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18 agricultural implement or an agricultural tractor ~~not exceeding~~
19 ~~130 inches in width~~, is authorized for the purpose of
20 transporting peanuts, grains, soybeans, cotton, hay, straw, or
21 other perishable farm products from their point of production to
22 the first point of change of custody or of long-term storage, and
23 for the purpose of returning to such point of production, or for
24 the purpose of moving such tractors, movers, and implements from
25 one point of agricultural production to another, by a person
26 engaged in the production of any such product or custom hauler,
27 if such vehicle or combination of vehicles otherwise complies
28 with this section. ~~The Department of Transportation may issue~~
29 ~~overwidth permits for implements of husbandry greater than 130~~
30 ~~inches, but not more than 170 inches, in width.~~ The Department of
31 Transportation may issue overlength permits for cotton module
32 movers greater than 50 feet but not more than 55 feet in overall
33 length. Such vehicles shall be operated in accordance with all
34 safety requirements prescribed by law and rules of the Department
35 of Transportation.

36 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, equipment
37 not exceeding 136 inches in width and not capable of speeds
38 exceeding 20 miles per hour which is used exclusively for
39 harvesting forestry products is authorized for the purpose of
40 transporting equipment from one point of harvest to another point
41 of harvest, not to exceed 10 miles, by a person engaged in the
42 harvesting of forestry products. Such vehicles must be operated
43 during daylight hours only, in accordance with all safety
44 requirements prescribed by s. 316.2295(5) and (6).

45 (c) The width and height limitations of this section shall
46 not apply to farming or agricultural equipment, whether self-
47 propelled, pulled or hauled, when temporarily operated during



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48 daylight hours upon a public road which is not a limited access
 49 facility as defined in s. 334.03(13), and the width and height
 50 limitations may be exceeded by such equipment without a permit.
 51 To be eligible for this exemption, the equipment shall be
 52 operated within a radius of 50 miles of the real property of the
 53 equipment owner. However, farming or agricultural equipment
 54 greater than 174 inches in width is required to have one warning
 55 lamp mounted on each side of the equipment to denote the width,
 56 and a slow moving vehicle sign. Warning lamps required by this
 57 paragraph are required to be visible from the front and rear of
 58 the vehicle and must be visible from a distance of 1000 feet.

59 (d) The operator of equipment operated under this subsection
 60 is responsible for verifying that the route used has adequate
 61 clearance for the equipment.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line(s) 2-10

and insert:

An act relating to motor vehicles; amending s. 316.515,
 F.S.; revising restrictions on use of certain agriculture-
 related vehicles; providing for exemptions from width
 limitations for certain farming or agricultural equipment;
 providing conditions for use of such equipment;
 authorizing certain movements without a Department of
 Transportation overwidth permit; providing lighting
 requirements for certain overwidth equipment; providing an
 effective date.