

By Senator Baker

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1 A bill to be entitled

2 An act relating to state uniform traffic control; amending
3 s. 316.515, F.S.; revising provisions relating to the
4 movement of certain trucks, tractors, and other vehicles
5 used in the production or transportation of agricultural
6 products on certain roads in this state; increasing the
7 width of vehicles permitted for such purposes; providing
8 limitations on such use; providing for trip permits issued
9 by the Department of Transportation; providing for permit
10 fees; providing an effective date.

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

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

16 (5) AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY;
17 AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS; FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.--

18 (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, straight
19 trucks, agricultural tractors, and cotton module movers, not
20 exceeding 50 feet in length, or any combination of up to and
21 including three implements of husbandry, including the towing
22 power unit, and any single agricultural trailer with a load
23 thereon ~~or any agricultural implements attached to a towing power~~
24 ~~unit not exceeding 130 inches in width, or a self-propelled~~
25 ~~agricultural implement or an agricultural tractor not exceeding~~
26 ~~130 inches in width,~~ is authorized for the purpose of
27 transporting ~~peanuts, grains, soybeans, cotton, hay, straw, or~~
28 ~~other perishable~~ farm products from their point of production to
29 the first point of change of custody or of long-term storage, and

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30 | for the purpose of returning to such point of production, or for
31 | the purpose of moving ~~such tractors, movers, and implements~~ from
32 | one point of agricultural production to another, ~~by a person~~
33 | ~~engaged in the production of any such product or custom hauler,~~
34 | ~~if such vehicle or combination of vehicles otherwise complies~~
35 | ~~with this section. The Department of Transportation may issue~~
36 | ~~overwidth permits for implements of husbandry greater than 130~~
37 | ~~inches, but not more than 170 inches, in width. The Department of~~
38 | Transportation may issue overlength permits for cotton module
39 | movers greater than 50 feet but not more than 55 feet in overall
40 | length. Such vehicles shall be operated in accordance with all
41 | safety requirements prescribed by law and rules of the Department
42 | of Transportation.

43 | (b) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law,
44 | agricultural equipment and implements of husbandry not exceeding
45 | 192 inches in width and used for agricultural purposes are
46 | authorized for the purpose of moving from one point of
47 | agricultural production to another, if such movement is performed
48 | during daylight hours within a radius of 50 miles from the point
49 | of origin thereof and no part of such movement is upon any
50 | highway designated as a part of the National System of Interstate
51 | and Defense Highways or any fully controlled access highway
52 | facility. The Department of Transportation may issue blanket
53 | multi-trip overwidth permits for agricultural equipment and
54 | implements of husbandry greater than 192 inches, but no more than
55 | 264 inches in width. The annual blanket multi-trip permit fee
56 | shall be \$25. The Department of Transportation may issue single-
57 | trip overwidth permits for agricultural equipment and implements
58 | of husbandry greater than 264 inches in width. The single-trip

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59 permit fee shall be \$50 and the equipment must have flags,
60 lights, signs, and an escort. Such vehicles shall be operated in
61 accordance with all safety requirements prescribed by law and
62 rules of the Department of Transportation.

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

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