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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 for exemptions from width and
5 height limitations for certain farming or agricultural
6 equipment; providing conditions for use of such equipment;
7 authorizing certain movements without an overwidth permit
8 from the Department of Transportation; providing lighting
9 requirements for certain overwidth equipment; providing an
10 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:

16 316.515 Maximum width, height, length.--

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

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

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

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

53 (c) The width and height limitations of this section do not
54 apply to farming or agricultural equipment, whether self-
55 propelled, pulled, or hauled, when temporarily operated during
56 daylight hours upon a public road that is not a limited access
57 facility as defined in s. 334.03(13), and the width and height
58 limitations may be exceeded by such equipment without a permit.

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59 To be eligible for this exemption, the equipment shall be
60 operated within a radius of 50 miles of the real property owned,
61 rented, or leased by the equipment owner. However, equipment
62 being delivered by a dealer to a purchaser is not subject to the
63 50-mile limitation. Farming or agricultural equipment greater
64 than 174 inches in width must have one warning lamp mounted on
65 each side of the equipment to denote the width and must have a
66 slow-moving vehicle sign. Warning lamps required by this
67 paragraph must be visible from the front and rear of the vehicle
68 and must be visible from a distance of at least 1,000 feet.

69 (d) The operator of equipment operated under this
70 subsection is responsible for verifying that the route used has
71 adequate clearance for the equipment.

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