

By Senator Evers

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to registration of agriculture
3 transport vehicles; amending s. 320.08, F.S.;
4 providing a fee for registration of modified
5 agriculture vehicles; providing a definition; amending
6 s. 322.53, F.S.; exempting drivers of modified
7 agriculture vehicles from the requirement to possess a
8 valid commercial driver license; providing an
9 effective date.

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

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13 Section 1. Paragraph (f) is added to subsection (3) of
14 section 320.08, Florida Statutes, to read:

15 320.08 License taxes.—Except as otherwise provided herein,
16 there are hereby levied and imposed annual license taxes for the
17 operation of motor vehicles, mopeds, motorized bicycles as
18 defined in s. 316.003(2), tri-vehicles as defined in s. 316.003,
19 and mobile homes, as defined in s. 320.01, which shall be paid
20 to and collected by the department or its agent upon the
21 registration or renewal of registration of the following:

22 (3) TRUCKS.—

23 (f) A modified agriculture vehicle: \$7.50 flat. The term
24 “modified agriculture vehicle” means a vehicle that has been
25 modified from its original use so that the transport of raw
26 agricultural commodities from a farm to its first point of
27 delivery is the vehicle’s primary purpose.

28 Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section
29 322.53, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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30 322.53 License required; exemptions.-

31 (2) The following persons are exempt from the requirement
32 to obtain a commercial driver license:

33 (c)1. Farmers transporting agricultural products, farm
34 supplies, or farm machinery to or from their farms and within
35 150 miles of their farms, if the vehicle operated under this
36 exemption is not used in the operations of a common or contract
37 motor carrier.

38 2. Drivers of modified agriculture vehicles registered
39 under s. 320.08(3)(f).

40 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2015.