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A Bill

SENATE BILL 496

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITS FOR SPECIAL CARGOES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR SPECIAL CARGO TRANSPORTED BY A FARM MACHINERY EQUIPMENT HAULER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITS FOR SPECIAL CARGOES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR SPECIAL CARGO TRANSPORTED BY A FARM MACHINERY EQUIPMENT HAULER.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-210(a)(2)(A)(iii), concerning the farm vehicles and machinery for which it is not necessary to obtain a permit for special cargo issued by the State Highway Commission, is amended to read as follows:

(iii) The vehicle or machinery is either:

(a) Being transported by a farm machinery equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler or repair person in making a delivery of a new or used vehicle or new or used machinery to the farm of the purchaser; or

(b) Being used in making a pickup and delivery of the vehicle or machinery from the farm to a shop of a farm machinery equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler or repair person for repairs and return to the farm; and



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-210(p)(1)-(3), concerning the issuance of a permit for special cargo issued by the State Highway Commission to transport farm machinery equipment, is amended to read as follows:

(p)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section, the commission may issue a special permit valid for one (1) year authorizing the movement of a vehicle hauling farm machinery equipment that exceeds the maximum width authorized under § 27-35-206, but does not exceed twelve feet (12'), if a farm machinery equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler:

(A) Applies to the commission for the special permit; and

(B) Pays a fee not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500) per vehicle authorized under this subdivision (p)(1).

(2) A farm machinery equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler is responsible for the safe routing of a vehicle issued a permit under subdivision (p)(1) of this section, including without limitation ensuring the highways traveled by the vehicle are sufficiently wide for the safety of the vehicle and the traveling public.

(3) The commission may require that a farm machinery equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler provide a bond or other security to compensate the Arkansas Department of Transportation in the event of:

(A) Damage to a highway or a highway structure caused by a vehicle issued a permit under subdivision (p)(1) of this section; or

(B) Costs related to the extrication of a vehicle issued a permit under subdivision (p)(1) of this section from a width-restricted highway or a highway construction or maintenance zone.

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