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SENATE BILL 415

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A
9 PERMIT FOR SPECIAL CARGO TRANSPORTED BY A FARM
10 MACHINERY EQUIPMENT DEALER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE
15 OF A PERMIT FOR SPECIAL CARGO TRANSPORTED
16 BY A FARM MACHINERY EQUIPMENT DEALER.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-206 is amended to read as follows:
22 27-35-206. Width of vehicles.

23 (a)(1) Except as provided in § 27-35-210(p)(2), ~~No~~ a vehicle operated
24 upon the highways of this state shall not have a total outside width, unladen
25 or with load, in excess of one hundred two inches (102"), excluding certain
26 safety devices as designated by the state, unless a greater width is
27 authorized by special permit issued by competent authority as provided in §
28 27-35-210.

29 (2)(A) Provided, vehicles as defined in § 27-14-207 utilized to
30 transport compacted seed cotton from the farm to the first point at which
31 such seed cotton shall first undergo any processing, preparation for
32 processing, or transformation from its compacted state may operate upon all
33 highways of this state, with the exception of federal interstate highways,
34 with widths not exceeding one hundred eight inches (108") without the special
35 permit.

36 (B) However, the vehicles must be equipped and operated in



1 compliance with the traffic laws of this state as well as all safety rules
 2 and regulations of the Department of Transportation and the State Highway
 3 Commission.

4 (C) ~~Additionally, the~~ The vehicles utilized to transport
 5 compacted seed cotton with widths exceeding one hundred two inches (102"),
 6 but not exceeding one hundred eight inches (108"), ~~must~~ shall be equipped and
 7 operated with both front and rear bumpers if operated individually, or, if
 8 operated in combination with other vehicles, ~~must~~ shall be equipped with a
 9 front bumper on the vehicle furnishing the motive power and with a rear
 10 bumper on the rear vehicle operated in that combination.

11 (D)(i) ~~Furthermore, the~~ The vehicles, when operated
 12 individually, or in combination with other vehicles, on the roads, highways,
 13 or streets of this state ~~must~~ shall be equipped with a sign or placard on the
 14 front and on the rear of the vehicle when operated individually, or on the
 15 front of the vehicle furnishing the motive power and on the rear of ~~any~~ the
 16 vehicle operated in combination with the vehicle furnishing the motive power,
 17 when operated in combination, indicating that vehicle or combination of
 18 vehicles is slow-moving.

19 (ii) ~~Such~~ The signs or placards shall be of such a
 20 size, dimension, and color that it is readily apparent to the traveling
 21 public that the vehicle or combination is slow-moving and shall be in
 22 accordance with rules and regulations to be made and promulgated by the
 23 commission.

24 (b) Any person owning such a vehicle or combination of vehicles found
 25 operating ~~such~~ the a vehicle or combination on the highways, roads, or
 26 streets of this state without the required bumpers or without the required
 27 signs or placards shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon
 28 conviction, shall be fined ~~in~~ a sum of not less than three hundred dollars
 29 (\$300) and not more than three thousand dollars (\$3,000).

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 31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-210, concerning permits for special
 32 cargoes, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:

33 (p)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section,
 34 the State Highway Commission may issue a special permit for the unlimited
 35 statewide movement of a vehicle used by a farm machinery equipment dealer for
 36 the transport of farm machinery equipment if the dealer:

1 (A) Applies to the commission for an annual permit; and

2 (B) Pays a fee of two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars per
3 vehicle authorized under subsection (p) of this section.

4 (2) A special permit under subdivision (p)(1) of this section is
5 required for a vehicle that has a total outside width, unladen or with load,
6 in excess of one hundred forty-four inches (144").

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