

No. 2019-28

AN ACT

SB 338

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in size, weight and load, further providing for width of vehicles.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 4921(b)(2.1) and (2.2) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended to read:

§ 4921. Width of vehicles.

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(b) Special vehicles.—The following paragraphs determine widths for special vehicles, with each paragraph specifically controlling its own subject matter in the event of a conflict with another paragraph:

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(2.1) Any implement of husbandry exceeding 14 feet 6 inches and not exceeding [16] 18 feet in width may be driven, hauled or towed between sunrise and sunset on highways other than freeways if the implement of husbandry is covered by financial responsibility under paragraph (2.2)(vi) and is preceded by a pilot vehicle that displays an "oversize load" sign on the front of the vehicle and has continuously activated hazard signal lamps. The implement of husbandry shall have and operate at least one flashing or revolving yellow light or yellow strobe light, which shall be mounted to provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction, 360° visibility, regardless of the method of mounting and hazard signal lamps. Implements subject to this paragraph may be driven, hauled or towed:

(i) Within 50 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry.

(ii) Between:

(A) farms; or

(B) a farm owned or operated by a farmer and a place of business of a mechanic or dealer in implements of husbandry;

located not more than 150 miles away for the purpose of buying, selling, trading, loaning and leasing, demonstrating, repairing or servicing the implement of husbandry[.] *with at least five business days' prior notice to the department by telephone. In cases of emergency repair or servicing, advance notice is not required.*

(2.2) An implement of husbandry exceeding 14 feet 6 inches and not exceeding [16] 18 feet in width may be driven, hauled or towed, *and may be preceded by a pilot vehicle that displays an "oversize load" sign on the front of the vehicle and has continuously activated hazard signal lamps,* on highways other than freeways between sunset and sunrise within 25 miles of any farm owned or operated by the owner of the implement of husbandry if all of the following are met:

(i) the implement of husbandry is equipped with reflective edgemarks or lights to identify the outermost edges of the rear and front of the implement that are visible from the front, the rear and, as is practicable, from each side;

(ii) the implement of husbandry shall have and operate at least one flashing or revolving yellow light or yellow strobe light, which shall be mounted to provide visibility to vehicles approaching from any direction, 360° visibility, regardless of the method of mounting, and hazard signal lamps;

(iii) the implement of husbandry is not driven, hauled or towed at a speed greater than 25 miles per hour;

(iv) the implement of husbandry is driven, hauled or towed by a person who is at least 18 years of age;

(v) the implement of husbandry is followed by a vehicle that is displaying an "oversize load" sign on the rear of the vehicle and is operating continuously activated hazard signal lamps; and

(vi) the implement of husbandry is covered by the minimum levels of liability insurance coverage on the vehicle as are required to be maintained under Chapter 17 (relating to financial responsibility) by owners of registered motor vehicles. The requirement of this subparagraph shall be met if the minimum amounts of liability insurance coverage for the implement of husbandry have been provided under farm liability insurance coverage maintained generally by the owner. Coverage prescribed under Subchapter B of Chapter 17 (relating to motor vehicle liability insurance first party benefits) shall not be required to be maintained or provided for the implement of husbandry.

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Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

APPROVED—The 28th day of June, A.D. 2019

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