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Introduced by Sen. RITCHIE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing the travel on a highway of a farm vehicle from its point of sale to a farm

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 13 of section 401 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as amended by chapter 203 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read
3 as follows:
4 13. Registration of motor vehicles, trailers and semitrailers operated
5 upon public highways connecting portions of a farm or farms, municipal
6 sanitary landfills [and], licensed motor vehicle repair shops AND THE
7 POINT OF SALE OF THE VEHICLE. Motor vehicles, other than motor vehicles
8 manufactured and equipped primarily for the transportation of passen-
9 gers, trailers and semitrailers, to be operated by any person, upon a
10 public highway for the purpose of traveling by the most direct route,
11 but in no event further than twenty-five miles one-way from a point on
12 the farm as designated by the vehicle owner and set forth in an attach-
13 ment to the vehicle registration, (a) between fields, buildings, and
14 facilities managed or operated as part of a single farm enterprise in
15 connection with the production, harvesting, processing or marketing on
16 that farm of crops, livestock, or livestock products produced on that
17 farm; or (b) for the purpose of transporting materials from a farm to
18 the nearest available municipal sanitary landfill; or (c) for the
19 purpose of transporting the motor vehicle, trailer or semitrailer to a
20 motor vehicle repair shop licensed pursuant to this chapter for the
21 repair or adjustment of equipment provided that, in addition to the
22 route restrictions set forth in this subdivision, no such transport
23 shall be authorized (i) if such vehicle has an out-of-service defect
24 relating to load securement, brake systems, steering components and/or
25 coupling devices, or after it has been placed out-of-service; (ii) on
26 any limited access highway; and (iii) during the period of one hour
27 before sunset to one hour after sunrise; OR (D) FOR THE PURPOSE OF

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 TRANSPORTING THE VEHICLE FROM ITS POINT OF SALE TO A FARM, may be regis-
2 tered as provided in this subdivision. Every owner of such vehicles may
3 cause to be filed by mail or otherwise, with the commissioner or with
4 any agent of the commissioner, an application for registration of such
5 vehicle, addressed to the commissioner, and on a blank to be furnished
6 by the commissioner for that purpose, containing the information
7 required by subdivision one of this section and such other information
8 as the commissioner shall require. The commissioner or agent shall make
9 such investigation, as he or she shall determine necessary, and if
10 satisfied that the vehicle is to be operated exclusively as provided in
11 this subdivision shall, upon the payment of a fee of one dollar, assign
12 to such vehicle a distinctive number and issue and deliver to the appli-
13 cant a set of number plates and a certificate of registration in such
14 form as the commissioner shall prescribe, indicating the extent to which
15 the vehicle registered may be operated on the public highways and such
16 vehicle may be operated only as so indicated. For the purposes of this
17 subdivision, the terms "farm" and "crops, livestock or livestock
18 products," shall have the same meaning as "land used in agricultural
19 production" and "crops, livestock and livestock products," respectively,
20 as defined in section three hundred one of the agriculture and markets
21 law, except that farmers with an average gross sales value of at least
22 one thousand dollars per year of crops, livestock, and livestock
23 products shall be eligible to register vehicles pursuant to this subdi-
24 vision.

25 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.