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Senate No. 304

1 AN ACT concerning farm vehicles and amending R.S.39:3-24 and
2 39:3-25.

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9 equipment used for farm operation to travel upon the public highways.
10 The fee for such registration shall be \$5 per annum, whether the
11 registration is issued for the yearly period or only a portion thereof.
12 Such traction equipment or farm tractors may draw farm machinery
13 and implements while in transit from one farm to another without
14 additional registration therefor.

15 (b) The director may register motor vehicles, not for hire, used
16 exclusively as farm machinery or farm implements, to travel upon the
17 public highways, from one farm, or portion thereof, to another farm,
18 or portion thereof, both owned or managed by the registered owner of
19 the vehicle or vehicles. The fee for such registration shall be \$5 per
20 annum, whether the registration is issued for a yearly period or only a
21 portion thereof. Any vehicle so registered and any truck registered
22 pursuant to the provisions of 39:3-25 of this Title may draw not more
23 than one vehicle used exclusively on the farm and a vehicle so drawn
24 need not be registered. A vehicle registered pursuant to this section
25 or to R.S.39:3-25 may be used under contract with a municipality to
26 remove snow upon a public highway.

27 (c) No vehicle registered pursuant to this section shall be operated
28 on a public highway at any time from sunset to sunrise, except a
29 vehicle being operated under contract with a municipality to remove
30 snow. Every such vehicle when operated on a public highway shall
31 have means adequate to control the movement of and to stop and hold
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2 regulations shall specify the coverings that may be used on the wheels
3 of such vehicles, the days, hours and conditions under which such
4 vehicles can be operated, the circumstance under which escort vehicles
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6 highways and such vehicle equipment or other requirements or
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9 (cf: P.L.1994, c.60, s.16)

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11 2. R.S.39:3-25 is amended to read as follows:

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16 director that the applicant is a farmer and is actually engaged in the
17 growing, raising and producing of farm products as an occupation.
18 License plates issued under authority of this section shall be placed
19 upon motor trucks engaged exclusively in the carrying or
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29 law.

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33 which the certificate was issued; except that the director may require
34 registrations which shall expire, and issue certificates thereof which
35 shall become void, on a date fixed by the director, which shall not be
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38 including any other fees or charges collected in connection with the
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42 date other than 11 months if the director determines that such change
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44 the vehicle inspection requirements of chapter 8 of Title 39 or for
45 other good cause.

46 The term "farmer" as used in this section means any person engaged

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3 business of buying farm products for resale; and the term "farm
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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1996 SESSION

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11 STATEMENT

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17 engaged in hauling for hire. This bill would allow farmers who have
18 contracted with a municipality to remove snow, to not only do so
19 between sunset and sunrise, but also to use their farm trucks on the
20 roads.

21 Snow-covered roads can create hazardous situations for motorists.
22 Farmers hired to plow the roads not only provide an important service,
23 but also help protect public safety in potentially treacherous situations.

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ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
SENATE, No. 304

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MAY 13, 1996

The Assembly Transportation and Communications Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 304.

Current law prohibits farm vehicles from being operated on public highways between sunset and sunrise. Also, current law allows farmers to obtain farmer license plates only for their trucks that are engaged exclusively in the transport of the farmer's farm products, and not engaged in hauling for hire. This bill would allow farmers who have contracted with a municipality to remove snow, to not only do so between sunset and sunrise, but also to use their farm trucks on the roads at such times and without any additional licenses.

SENATE SENIOR CITIZENS, VETERANS AFFAIRS AND
AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 304

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JANUARY 18, 1996

The Senate Senior Citizens, Veterans Affairs and Agriculture Committee favorably reports Senate Bill No.304.

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This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 1996 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review which has been performed.