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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Farm Area Motor Vehicles - Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "farm area motor vehicle" to include a
4 certain motor vehicle operated on a highway within a certain radius of the farm;
5 exempting a farm area motor vehicle from provisions requiring the identification of
6 certain vehicles operated on the highways of the State; altering a certain definition
7 of "commercial motor vehicle" in order to exempt a farm area motor vehicle from a
8 certain tax; and generally relating to farm area motor vehicles.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

10 Article - Tax - General

11 Section 9-201(b)(2)(v)

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (1988 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article - Tax - General

16 Section 9-202

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (1988 Volume and 1995 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

20 Article - Transportation

21 Section 13-935 and 22-404.3(e)

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

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1 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
2 Article - Transportation
3 Section 22-404.3(a)
4 Annotated Code of Maryland
5 (1992 Replacement Volume and 1995 Supplement)

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

8 **Article - Tax - General**

9 9-201.

10 (b) (2) "Commercial motor vehicle" does not include:

11 (v) a farm truck as defined in § 13-921 of the Transportation Article
12 OR A FARM AREA MOTOR VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN § 13-935 OF THE
13 TRANSPORTATION ARTICLE that has 2 axles and a registered or operating gross or
14 combination weight of less than 40,001 pounds.

15 9-202.

16 (a) A tax is imposed on each motor carrier who operates or causes the operation
17 of a commercial motor vehicle on a highway in this State.

18 (b) The tax under this section is imposed whether the commercial motor vehicle
19 is:

20 (1) owned by or leased to the motor carrier;

21 (2) operated loaded or empty; or

22 (3) operated for compensation or for no compensation.

23 **Article - Transportation**

24 13-935.

25 (a) In this section, "farm area motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle owned by a
26 farmer and operated only on a farm or on a highway [adjacent to] WITHINA 10-MILE
27 RADIUS OF the farm.

28 (b) If registered with the Administration under this section, every farm area
29 motor vehicle is a Class K (farm area) vehicle.

30 (c) For each Class K (farm area) vehicle, the annual registration fee is \$1.35.

31 22-404.3.

32 (a) Every truck, truck tractor, and bus operated on highways in this State, except
33 as provided in subsection (e) of this section, shall be identified with the name, trade
34 name, or company logo, and the city and state of its owner, operator, or lessee. However,
35 instead of the city and state, one of the following may be used:

36 (1) The company unit number;

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1 (2) The Interstate Commerce Commission number; or

2 (3) The number issued by a State agency.

3 (e) This section does not apply to:

4 (1) Vehicles owned or operated by a gas, electric, telegraph, telephone, or
5 water company, as defined in Article 78 of the Code;

6 (2) Vehicles registered as:

7 (I) [farm] FARM trucks under § 13-921 of this article[or as];

8 (II) [farm] FARM truck tractors under § 13-924 of this article; OR

9 (III) FARM AREA MOTOR VEHICLES UNDER § 13-935 OF THIS
10 ARTICLE;

11 (3) School vehicles registered under § 13-932 of this article;

12 (4) Trucks registered at 10,000 pounds capacity or less;

13 (5) Emergency vehicles;

14 (6) Vehicles used primarily to transport money or commercial paper; or

15 (7) Vehicles operating within 30 days from the date of purchase.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 1996.