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By: **Delegates McClenahan, Bozman, and Conway**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Class E Farm Trucks - Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum gross vehicle weight of a Class E farm  
4 truck to a certain amount; and generally relating to Class E farm trucks.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
6 Article - Transportation  
7 Section 13-921  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

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

12 **Article - Transportation**

13 13-921.

14 (a) In this section, "farm truck" means a farm vehicle that:

15 (1) Is a Class E (truck) vehicle; and

16 (2) Has a shipping weight of its chassis and battery, as certified by the  
17 manufacturer, of more than 3/4 ton.

18 (b) On application, the Administration shall issue a Class E "farm truck  
19 registration" to any applicant who certifies:

20 (1) That the applicant is a farmer; and

21 (2) That the vehicle for which the application is made is a farm truck,  
22 specifying its proposed use.

23 (c) For each vehicle registered under this section, the annual registration fee  
24 is based on the maximum gross vehicle weight, as follows:

| 1 Maximum Gross Weight               | Fee (per 1,000 Pounds |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Limit (in Pounds)                  | or Fraction Thereof)  |
| 3 10,000 (minimum) - 40,000          | \$2.75                |
| 4 40,001 - [65,000] 70,000 (maximum) | \$3.00                |

5 (d) A vehicle registered under this section may not be used for hire except to  
6 haul farm products for another farmer.

7 (e) A vehicle registered under this section may not be used in any manner  
8 other than as a farm truck.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
10 effect June 1, 2002.