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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1219 (Delegate McClenahan, *et al.*)
Commerce and Government Matters

Transportation - Class E Farm Trucks - Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight

This bill would raise the maximum gross weight limit for a farm truck to 70,000 pounds.

The bill is effective June 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: For a vehicle that has a shipping weight of more than $\frac{3}{4}$ ton as certified by the manufacturer, the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) must issue a farm truck registration to an applicant who certifies that:

- the applicant is a farmer; and
- the vehicle for which the application is made is a farm truck, specifying its proposed use.

The annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross vehicle weight as follows:

- | | <u>per thousand pounds</u> (or fraction thereof) |
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| • 10,000 (minimum) to 40,000 | \$2.75 |
| • 40,001 to 65,000 | \$3.00 |

A vehicle registered as a farm truck must not be used in any manner other than as a farm truck, and may not be used for hire except to haul farm products for another farmer.

Background: MVA reports there are approximately 8,500 farm trucks registered in the State, 200 of which are registered at the maximum 65,000 pounds. MVA further notes that a truck rated to carry 100,000 pounds may be registered as a farm truck, but is prohibited from carrying more than 65,000 pounds under a farm truck registration.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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