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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws - Farm Equipment - Definition**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the definition of "farm equipment" to include certain
4 vehicles designed or adapted for hauling perishable commodities between
5 certain locations for sorting or processing; making a stylistic change; and
6 generally relating to farm equipment.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article - Transportation
9 Section 11-120
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 13-102(9), 13-402(a)(1) and (c)(3), 16-102(a)(3), 17-102, 17-104(a), and
15 22-101(e)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

20 **Article - Transportation**

21 11-120.

22 (a) "Farm equipment" means a vehicle that:

23 (1) Is designed and adapted only for agricultural, horticultural, or
24 livestock raising operations;

25 (2) Is designed and adapted only for lifting or carrying a vehicle
26 described in [paragraph] ITEM (1) of this subsection; [or]

1 (3) Is designed and adapted for splitting firewood; OR

2 (4) IS DESIGNED OR ADAPTED FOR HAULING PERISHABLE
3 COMMODITIES OUT OF A FIELD DIRECTLY TO ANOTHER LOCATION FOR SORTING OR
4 PROCESSING.

5 (b) Farm equipment also includes silvicultural equipment weighing 62,000
6 pounds or less gross weight.

7 13-102.

8 A certificate of title is not required for:

9 (9) Farm equipment;

10 13-402.

11 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section or elsewhere in the
12 Maryland Vehicle Law, each motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, and pole trailer driven
13 on a highway shall be registered under this subtitle.

14 (c) Registration under this subtitle is not required for:

15 (3) A farm tractor or any farm equipment;

16 16-102.

17 (a) The licensing requirements of this title do not apply to:

18 (3) An individual while driving any road machine, farm tractor, or farm
19 equipment temporarily driven on a highway in this State, or dock equipment at
20 Dundalk or Locust Point marine terminals which does not require registration under
21 the provisions of this article;

22 17-102.

23 This subtitle does not apply to the following vehicles and their drivers:

24 (1) Farm equipment or special mobile equipment incidentally operated
25 on a highway or on other property open to the public; or

26 (2) A vehicle operated on a highway only to cross the highway from one
27 property to another.

28 17-104.

29 (a) The Administration may not issue or transfer the registration of a motor
30 vehicle unless the owner or prospective owner of the vehicle furnishes evidence
31 satisfactory to the Administration that the required security is in effect.

1 22-101.

2 (e) The provisions of this title with respect to equipment on vehicles do not
3 apply to farm equipment, road machinery, road rollers, or farm tractors, except as
4 made applicable in this title.

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 June 1, 2005.