

P.L. 1996, CHAPTER 119, *approved October 30, 1996*  
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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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State  
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. R.S.39:3-24 is amended to read as follows:

8 39:3-24. (a) The director shall register farm tractors and traction  
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  
32 such vehicle on any up or down grade and shall be operated in  
33 accordance with uniform rules and regulations prescribed by the

**EXPLANATION** - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 Director of the Division of Motor Vehicles. Such rules and  
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  
5 shall be required, the distance that may be traveled upon the public  
6 highways and such vehicle equipment or other requirements or  
7 restrictions as may be necessary to protect the safety of the users of  
8 the public highways.  
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:

12 39:3-25. In addition to the motor vehicle licenses authorized to be  
13 issued pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, the director shall  
14 issue, upon application therefor, a license plate for trucks marked  
15 "farmer," which shall be issued upon evidence satisfactory to the  
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  
20 transportation of applicant's farm products, raised or produced on his  
21 farm, and farm supplies, and not engaged in hauling for hire, except for  
22 a truck being operated under contract with a municipality to remove  
23 snow.

24 Applicants for license plates herein authorized shall pay a  
25 registration fee of \$25 plus \$4.25 for each 1,000 pounds or portion  
26 thereof in excess of 5,000 pounds. If the registration cycle established  
27 by the director is for more or less than 11 months, applicants shall pay  
28 amounts proportionately less or greater than the fees established by  
29 law.

30 Except as otherwise provided in this section, every registration for  
31 a farm truck shall expire and the certificate thereof shall become void  
32 on the last day of the eleventh calendar month following the month in  
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  
36 sooner than three months or later than 26 months after the date of  
37 issuance of such certificates, and the fees for such registrations,  
38 including any other fees or charges collected in connection with the  
39 registration fee, shall be fixed by the director in amounts  
40 proportionately less or greater than the fees established by law. The  
41 director may fix the expiration date for registration certificates at a  
42 date other than 11 months if the director determines that such change  
43 is necessary, appropriate or convenient in order to aid in implementing  
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

1 in the commercial raising, growing and producing of farm products on  
2 a farm not less than five acres in area, and who does not engage in the  
3 business of buying farm products for resale; and the term "farm  
4 products" means any crop, livestock or fur products.  
5 (cf: P.L.1995, c.112, s.31)

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7 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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12 Allows certain farm vehicles on roadways between sunset and sunrise.