

House Bill 63

By: Representatives Buck of the 135th, Royal of the 164th, Jamieson of the 22nd, Skipper of the 137th, Heard of the 89th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 10 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle license fees and plates, so as to change certain definitions regarding such fees and plates; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 10 of Title 48 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to motor vehicle license fees and plates, is amended by striking Code Section 48-10-1, relating to definitions regarding such fees and plates, and inserting in its place a new Code Section 48-10-1 to read as follows:

"48-10-1.

As used in this chapter, the term:

(.1) 'Agricultural field use vehicle' means a commercial truck designed specifically for field applications of fertilizers, poultry litter, and crop protection chemicals which is owned and operated by a farmer or business engaged in the sale and application of fertilizers, poultry litter, and crop protection chemicals and is operated primarily off the highway.

(.2) 'Commissioner' means the commissioner of motor vehicle safety.

(1) 'Farm truck' or 'farm trailer' means a truck or trailer for which the owner submits a sworn statement as a part of the registration application to the effect that the vehicle is used primarily on and is domiciled upon a farm primarily for the carriage of unprocessed products of the farm.

(2) 'Farm vehicle' means a vehicle or combination of vehicles owned by a farmer or rancher, which are operated over public highways and used exclusively to transport unprocessed agricultural or livestock products raised, owned, and grown by the owner of the vehicle to market or a place of storage; and shall include the transportation by the

1 farmer or rancher of any equipment, supplies, or products purchased by that farmer or
2 rancher for his own use and used in the farming or ranching operation or used by a farmer
3 or rancher partly in transporting agricultural products or livestock from the farm or ranch
4 of another farmer or rancher that were originally grown or raised on that farm or ranch
5 or when used partly in transporting agricultural supplies, equipment, materials, or
6 livestock to the farm or ranch of another farmer or rancher for use or consumption on that
7 farm or ranch but not transported for hire.

8 (3) 'Motor bus' means any passenger-carrying motor vehicle operated for hire and having
9 a passenger seating capacity of eight or more persons exclusive of the driver.

10 (4) 'Owner declared gross vehicle weight' means the empty weight of the truck or
11 truck-trailer fully equipped and fueled and ready for operation on the road and, in the case
12 of combinations, means the weight when ready for operation on the road of the heaviest
13 trailer or semitrailer with which the power unit will be placed in combination, plus the
14 heaviest load which will be carried within the licensed period.

15 (5) 'Private truck' or 'private trailer' means a truck or trailer other than a farm truck, a
16 farm trailer, farm vehicle, or a truck or trailer operated for hire by a common or contract
17 carrier.

18 (6) 'Trailer' means any vehicle operated over the public roads of this state without motive
19 power when the vehicle is designed for carrying persons or property, either partially or
20 wholly, on its own structure and is designed for being drawn by a self-propelled vehicle."

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law
23 without such approval.

24 **SECTION 3.**

25 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.