

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 463

Short Title: Farm Products Weight Exemption.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Owens; and Starnes.

Referred to: Agriculture, if favorable, Finance.

March 10, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PERMISSIBLE WEIGHT OF AGRICULTURAL CROPS THAT MAY BE TRANSPORTED ON THE HIGHWAYS FROM THE FIELD TO A PLACE WITH CERTIFIED SCALES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-118(c) is amended by adding a new subdivision to read:

" (13) Subsections (b) and (e) of this section do not apply to a vehicle that meets one of the following descriptions, is hauling agricultural crops from the farm where they were grown to the local market point where there is a set of scales certified by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and does not exceed its registered weight:

- a. Is a five-axle combination with a gross weight of no more than 90,000 pounds, a single-axle weight of no more than 22,000 pounds, a tandem-axle weight of no more than 42,000 pounds, and a length of at least 51 feet between the first and last axles of the combination.
- b. Is a four-axle combination with a gross weight that does not exceed the limit set in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, a single-

1 axle weight of no more than 22,000 pounds, and a tandem-axle
2 weight of no more than 42,000 pounds."
3 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.