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## DIGEST

Riser (SB 348)

Present law exempts farm and agricultural vehicles and equipment, except draglines and bulldozers, operated for normal farm purposes from width (R.S. 32:380), height (R.S. 32:381), length (R.S. 32:382) and trailers and towed vehicle (R.S. 32:384) requirements provided by law and authorizes such vehicles to use any public highways except interstate highways during the period from 30 minutes after sunrise until 30 minutes before sunset without obtaining a special permit for distances not to exceed 50 miles from the point of origin.

Present law exempts trailers and semi-trailers with a gross vehicle weight rating of not more than 12,000 pounds from width (R.S.32:380) when owned and used by a retail business in this state and designed and used exclusively for the purposes of pick-up or delivery of new, used, or repaired farm equipment for distances not to exceed 50 miles from the point of origin.

Proposed law adds exemption for dual-purpose farm and construction equipment or machinery.

Proposed law exempts farm and agricultural vehicles and equipment, except draglines and bulldozers, being operated to transport dual-purpose farm and construction equipment or machinery for normal farm purposes from width (R.S. 32:380), height (R.S. 32:381), length (R.S. 32:382) and trailers and towed vehicle (R.S. 32:384) requirements provided by law and authorizes such vehicles to use any public highways except interstate highways during the period from 30 minutes after sunrise until thirty minutes before sunset without obtaining a special permit for distances more than 50 miles from the point of origin provided such vehicles shall meet the following requirements:

- (1) Operate with escort vehicles ahead of and behind them.
- (2) Observe traffic signals and regulatory signs, including escort vehicles.
- (3) Operate only in daylight hours.
- (4) Do not operate in rain or other weather conditions unsafe for such operation.
- (5) Observe all safety standards for farm equipment.
- (6) Do not operate on interstate highways.
- (7) Do not operate on or across a bridge with a posted weight limit.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 32:385(A)(1))