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HOUSE BILL 37*

Short Title: Lighting Requirements for Ag. Trailers.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives James; J. Brown, Lutz, McLawhorn, Mitchell, R. Thompson, and Weatherly.

Referred to: Judiciary II.

February 3, 1993

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO EXEMPT AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS FROM MOTOR VEHICLE
3 LIGHTING REQUIREMENTS DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. Part 9, Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended
6 by adding a new section to read:

7 "**§ 20-129.A. Lighting exemption for farm trailers.**

8 (a) Trailers attached to and drawn by either a farm tractor or other motor vehicle
9 shall not be required to be equipped with any lamps required under this Part, including
10 directional signals, rear lamps, stop lamps, marker lamps, clearance lamps, or other
11 auxiliary lamps, when all of the following conditions are met:

12 (1) The trailer is being used by a farmer, his tenant, agent, or employee in
13 transporting his own farm implements, farm supplies, or farm
14 products;

15 (2) The trailer is used during the period between sunrise and sunset;

16 (3) There is sufficient light to render clearly discernible any person on the
17 highway at a distance of 400 feet ahead; and

18 (4) Weather conditions do not require the use of windshield wipers,
19 including intermittent use because of fog or misting rain, sleet, or
20 snow.

21 (b) Trailers operated without lamps under this exemption shall be equipped with
22 a warning placard as required by rules adopted by the Department to implement this
23 subsection."

1 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective October 1, 1993.