

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 654

Short Title: Create Exemption/Size-Weight for Sage Haulers. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jones.

Referred to: Commerce.

March 19, 2009

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION FOR SIZE AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS OF
3 HAULERS OF SAGE.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-116(d) reads as rewritten:

6 "(d) Maximum Length. – The following maximum lengths apply to vehicles. A
7 truck-tractor and semitrailer shall be regarded as two vehicles for the purpose of determining
8 lawful length and license taxes.

9 (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a single vehicle having two
10 or three axles shall not exceed 40 feet in length overall of dimensions
11 inclusive of front and rear bumpers.

12 (2) Trucks transporting unprocessed cotton from farm to ~~gin-gin~~, or unprocessed
13 sage from farm to market shall not exceed 50 feet in length overall of
14 dimensions inclusive of front and rear bumpers.

15 (3) Recreational vehicles shall not exceed 45 feet in length overall, excluding
16 bumpers and mirrors."

17 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-118(k) reads as rewritten:

18 "(k) From September 1 through March 1 of each year, a vehicle which is equipped with a
19 self-loading bed and which is designed and used exclusively to transport compressed seed
20 cotton from the farm to a cotton ~~gin-gin~~, or sage to market, may operate on the highways of the
21 State, except interstate highways, with a tandem-axle weight not exceeding 50,000 pounds.
22 Such vehicles shall be exempt from light-traffic road limitations only from point of origin on
23 the light-traffic road to the nearest State-maintained road which is not posted to prohibit the
24 transportation of statutory load limits. This exemption does not apply to restricted, posted
25 bridge structures."

26 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.

