

1-1 By: Perry S.B. No. 971
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 5, 2015; March 10, 2015, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 April 20, 2015, reported adversely, with favorable Committee
 1-5 Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0; April 20, 2015,
 1-6 sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 971 By: Huffines

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to requirements for certain farm vehicles when operating
 1-22 on a highway.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section [541.201\(6\)](#), Transportation Code, is
 1-25 amended to read as follows:

1-26 (6) "Implement of husbandry" means:

1-27 (A) a vehicle, other than a passenger car or
 1-28 truck, that is designed and adapted for use as a farm implement,
 1-29 machinery, or tool for tilling the soil;

1-30 (B) a towed vehicle that transports to the field
 1-31 and spreads fertilizer or agricultural chemicals; or

1-32 (C) a motor vehicle designed and adapted to
 1-33 deliver feed to livestock.

1-34 SECTION 2. Section [622.901](#), Transportation Code, is amended
 1-35 to read as follows:

1-36 Sec. 622.901. WIDTH EXCEPTIONS. (a) In this section,
 1-37 "farm tractor" and "implement of husbandry" have the meanings
 1-38 assigned by Section [541.201](#).

1-39 (b) The width limitation provided by Section [621.201](#) does
 1-40 not apply to:

1-41 (1) highway building or maintenance machinery that is
 1-42 traveling:

1-43 (A) during daylight on a public highway other
 1-44 than a highway that is part of the national system of interstate and
 1-45 defense highways; or

1-46 (B) for not more than 50 miles on a highway that
 1-47 is part of the national system of interstate and defense highways;

1-48 (2) a vehicle traveling during daylight on a public
 1-49 highway other than a highway that is part of the national system of
 1-50 interstate and defense highways or traveling for not more than 50
 1-51 miles on a highway that is part of the national system of interstate
 1-52 and defense highways if the vehicle is:

1-53 (A) a farm tractor or implement of husbandry; or

1-54 (B) a vehicle on which a farm tractor or
 1-55 implement of husbandry, other than a tractor or implement being
 1-56 transported from one dealer to another, is being moved by the owner
 1-57 of the tractor or implement or by an agent or employee of the owner:

1-58 (i) to deliver the tractor or implement to a
 1-59 new owner;

1-60 (ii) to transport the tractor or implement

2-1 to or from a mechanic for maintenance or repair; or
2-2 (iii) in the course of an agricultural
2-3 operation;
2-4 (3) machinery that is used solely for drilling water
2-5 wells, including machinery that is a unit or a unit mounted on a
2-6 conventional vehicle or chassis, and that is traveling:
2-7 (A) during daylight on a public highway other
2-8 than a highway that is part of the national system of interstate and
2-9 defense highways; or
2-10 (B) for not more than 50 miles on a highway that
2-11 is part of the national system of interstate and defense highways;
2-12 (4) a vehicle owned or operated by a public, private,
2-13 or volunteer fire department;
2-14 (5) a vehicle registered under Section [502.431](#); or
2-15 (6) a recreational vehicle to which Section [622.903](#)
2-16 applies.
2-17 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.

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