

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1965 SESSION

CHAPTER 471
HOUSE BILL 726

1 AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-116 SUBSECTION (J) RELATING TO THE OPERATION
2 OF FARM EQUIPMENT AND OTHER MACHINES ON ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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6 **Section 1.** Subsection (j) of G.S. 20-116, as the same appears in the 1963
7 Cumulative Supplement to the Recompiled Volume of the General Statutes, is hereby amended
8 and rewritten to read as follows:

9 "20-116 (j). Self-propelled grain combines or other farm equipment self-propelled or
10 otherwise, not exceeding fifteen and one-half feet in width may be operated on any highway,
11 except a highway or section of highway that is a part of the National System of Interstate and
12 Defense Highways; and provided, that such combines or equipment may be operated on
13 numbered Federal or State highways exclusive of the Interstate System, only by special permit
14 as provided in G.S. 20-119; permits issued in compliance with G.S. 20-119 for equipment
15 covered under this Section may be on a seasonal basis: Provided, further, that all such
16 combines or equipment which exceed ten feet in width may be so operated only under the
17 following conditions:

- 18 (1) Said equipment may only be so operated during daylight hours; and
19 (2) Said equipment must display a red flag on front and rear, said flags shall not
20 be smaller than three feet wide and four feet long and be attached to a stick,
21 pole, staff, etc., not less than four feet long and shall be so attached to said
22 equipment as to be visible for not less than 300 feet; and said equipment
23 shall travel only on routes designated by the special permit required under
24 this Section and for distances not to exceed four miles; and
25 (3) Equipment covered by this Section requiring special permit to be operated
26 on permissible or designated highways, which by necessity must travel more
27 than four miles, must be preceded at a distance of 300 feet and followed at
28 a distance of 300 feet by a flagman either on foot or in a vehicle. Each
29 flagman must carry and display, by hand or mounted on his vehicle, a red
30 flag, not smaller than three feet wide and four feet long. Said flag shall be
31 attached to a stick, pole, staff, etc., not less than three feet long and every
32 such piece of equipment so operated shall carry and display at least one red
33 flag not less than three feet wide and four feet long. Equipment to be
34 operated for a distance in excess of four miles may not be so operated on
35 Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays; and
36 (4) Every such piece of equipment so operated shall operate to the right of the
37 center line when possible and practical."

38 **Sec. 2.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

39 **Sec. 3.** This Act shall be in full force and effect from and after its ratification.

40 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 7th day of May,

41 1965.