

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 838\*  
Committee Substitute Favorable 4/8/09

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

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 30, 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~~ A vehicle which is equipped  
19 with a self-loading bed and which is designed and used exclusively to transport compressed  
20 seed cotton from the farm to a cotton ~~gin-gin~~, or sage to market, may operate on the highways  
21 of the State, except interstate highways, with a tandem-axle weight not exceeding 50,000  
22 pounds. Such vehicles shall be exempt from light-traffic road limitations only from point of  
23 origin on the light-traffic road to the nearest State-maintained road which is not posted to  
24 prohibit the transportation of statutory load limits. This exemption does not apply to restricted,  
25 posted bridge structures."

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

