

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

**HOUSE BILL 211
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT TO MODIFY THE WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS APPLICABLE TO VEHICLES TRANSPORTING FEED THAT IS USED IN THE FEEDING OF POULTRY OR LIVESTOCK WHEN TRAVELING WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILES OF THE POINT OF ORIGIN TO CERTAIN LOCATIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 20-118(c)(12) reads as rewritten:

"(12) Subsections (b) and (e) of this section do not apply to a vehicle or vehicle combination that meets all of the conditions set out below:

- a. Is transporting any of the following items within 150 miles of the point of origination:
 1. Agriculture crop products transported from a farm to a processing plant or market.
 2. Water, fertilizer, pesticides, seeds, fuel, or animal waste transported to or from a farm by a farm vehicle as defined in G.S. 20-37.16(e)(3).
 3. Meats, livestock, or live poultry transported from the farm where they were raised to a processing plant or market.
 - 3a. Feed that is used in the feeding of poultry or livestock and transported from a storage facility, holding facility, or mill to a farm.
 4. Forest products originating and transported from a farm or woodlands to market with delay interruption or delay for further packaging or processing after initiating transport.
 5. Wood residuals, including wood chips, sawdust, mulch, or tree bark from any site.
 6. Raw logs to market.
 7. Trees grown as Christmas trees from field, farm, stand, or grove to a processing point.
- b. Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 761, s. 13.
- b1. Does not operate on an interstate highway or exceed any posted bridge weight limits during transportation or hauling of agricultural products.
- c. Meets any of the following vehicle configurations:
 1. Does not exceed a single-axle weight of 22,000 pounds, a tandem-axle weight of 42,000 pounds, or a gross weight of 90,000 pounds.
 2. Consists of a five or more axle combination vehicle that does not exceed a single-axle weight of 26,000 pounds, a tandem-axle weight of 44,000 pounds and a gross weight of 90,000 pounds, with a length of at least 48 feet between the center of axle one and the center of the last axle of the vehicle and a minimum of 11 feet between the center of axle one and the center of axle two of the vehicle.
 3. Consists of a two-axle vehicle that does not exceed a gross weight of 37,000 pounds and a single-axle weight of no more than 27,000 pounds, with a length of at least 14 feet between



the center of axle one and the center of axle two of the vehicle.

d. Repealed by Session Laws 2012-78, s. 6, effective June 26, 2012."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2013.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 12th day of June, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved _____m. this _____ day of _____, 2013