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A BILL FOR

1 An Act exempting certain agricultural vehicles from maximum gross
2 weight requirements per axle during certain times of the year
3 and providing penalties.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 4, paragraph a,
2 Code Supplement 2001, is amended to read as follows:

3 4. a. ~~{1}~~--Self-propelled implements Notwithstanding any
4 provision of this section to the contrary, the weight on any
5 one axle of a self-propelled implement of husbandry used
6 exclusively for the application of organic or inorganic plant
7 food materials, agricultural limestone, or agricultural
8 chemicals shall be operated in compliance with this section on
9 the highways of this state shall not exceed twenty-four
10 thousand pounds from February 1 through May 31, or twenty-
11 eight thousand pounds from June 1 through January 31,
12 provided, however, that the maximum gross vehicle weight of
13 the self-propelled implement of husbandry shall not exceed
14 ninety-six thousand pounds.

15 A self-propelled implement of husbandry shall comply with
16 the other provisions of this section and chapter when operated
17 over a bridge in this state. A local authority may issue a
18 special permit, based on a statewide standard developed by the
19 department, allowing the operation over a bridge within its
20 jurisdiction of a self-propelled implement of husbandry with a
21 weight in excess of the weights allowed under this chapter.

22 (2) For purposes of this paragraph "a", "highway" does not
23 include a bridge.

24 For purposes of this paragraph "a", "self-propelled
25 implement of husbandry" means all of the following:

26 (a) A self-propelled implement of husbandry used
27 exclusively for the application of organic or inorganic plant
28 food materials, agricultural limestone, or agricultural
29 chemicals manufactured on or after July 1, 2003.

30 (b) After July 1, 2006, any self-propelled implement of
31 husbandry used exclusively for the application of organic or
32 inorganic plant food materials, agricultural limestone, or
33 agricultural chemicals.

34 The year of manufacture of a self-propelled implement of
35 husbandry manufactured on or after July 1, 2003, shall be

1 permanently made a part of the identification plate on the
2 vehicle. Fraudulently altering or defacing or attempting to
3 fraudulently alter or deface the year of manufacture or other
4 product identification number on a self-propelled implement of
5 husbandry is a violation of section 321.92.

6 EXPLANATION

7 This bill amends Code section 321.463 to allow an exception
8 to maximum gross weight limits per axle during six months of
9 the year for certain agricultural equipment which is used
10 exclusively for the application of organic or inorganic plant
11 food materials, agricultural limestone, or agricultural
12 chemicals. This exception to the gross weight limits is
13 already available for fence-line feeders, grain carts, and
14 tank wagons.

15 The bill provides that identification plates of self-
16 propelled implements of husbandry manufactured on or after
17 July 1, 2003, must include the year of manufacture.
18 Fraudulent alteration or defacement of the year of manufacture
19 or the product identification number on an identification
20 plate is a class "D" felony punishable by confinement for no
21 more than five years and a fine of at least \$750 but not more
22 than \$7,500.

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