

**Senate File 406 - Introduced**

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SF 211)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act exempting motor vehicles carrying an implement of  
2 husbandry from certain permit requirements.

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

1 Section 1. Section 321.453, Code 2017, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsection:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 3. A motor vehicle that is operated by a  
4 farmer and that is carrying an implement of husbandry between  
5 fields, locations for repair, or locations for storage of the  
6 implement of husbandry shall be exempt from any requirement to  
7 obtain a permit under section 321.463, 321.471, or 321.474.  
8 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to exempt such  
9 a vehicle from any requirement or restriction other than a  
10 requirement to obtain a permit, including but not limited to  
11 requirements or restrictions relating to size, weight, load,  
12 lighting, flags, equipment, or manner of operation. For the  
13 purposes of this subsection, "farmer" means as defined in  
14 section 142D.2.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 Code section 321.453 exempts certain motor vehicles and  
19 equipment from the provisions of Code chapter 321 (motor  
20 vehicles and law of the road) governing size, weight, and load,  
21 and the permit requirements of Code chapter 321E (vehicles of  
22 excessive size and weight). Such motor vehicles and equipment  
23 include fire apparatus, certain road maintenance equipment,  
24 implements of husbandry when moved or moving upon a highway  
25 that is not a portion of the interstate, and certain equipment  
26 used primarily for construction of permanent conservation  
27 practices on agricultural land. However, such motor vehicles  
28 and equipment are not exempt from the provisions of Code  
29 section 321.463 (maximum gross weight), 321.471 (restrictions  
30 by local authorities), or 321.474 (restrictions by the  
31 department of transportation), which include certain permitting  
32 provisions.

33 This bill provides that a motor vehicle that is operated by  
34 a farmer and that is carrying an implement of husbandry between  
35 fields, locations for repair, or locations for storage of the

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2 to obtain a permit under Code section 321.463, 321.471, or  
3 321.474.