

March 13, 2007

**S 738. REGISTRATION EXEMPTIONS/LENGTH EXEMPTIONS.** Filed 3/13/07. *TO ALLOW FOR-HIRE FARM TRACTORS AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, TO INCREASE THE DISTANCE THE FARM TRACTOR OR IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY MAY TRAVEL WITHOUT HAVING TO BE A REGISTERED VEHICLE, TO INCREASE THE LENGTH ALLOWED FOR TRUCKS TRANSPORTING COTTON, AND TO INCREASE THE WIDTH ALLOWED FOR VEHICLES WITH SELF-LOADING BEDS THAT TRANSPORT COTTON.*

Amends GS 20-51(5) to (1) exempt for-hire farm tractors and implements of husbandry from requirements of registration and certificate of title, and (2) increase from 10 to 50 miles the distance that any vehicle exempt from the requirements of registration and certificate of title may travel from the point of loading. Amends GS 20-116(d) to increase the allowable overall length for trucks transporting unprocessed cotton from farm to gin from 48 feet to 50 feet. Adds a new subsection to GS 20-116 to allow operation of a vehicle with a maximum width of 110 inches and a self-loading bed to transport compressed seed cotton from a farm to a cotton gin.

**Intro. by Swindell.**

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May 8, 2007

**S 738. REGISTRATION AND LENGTH EXEMPTIONS (NEW).** Filed 3/13/07. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Deletes changes to GS 20-51(5) regarding exemption from registration for for-hire farm tractors and implements of husbandry. Enacts new GS 20-51(16) exempting agricultural spreader vehicles from motor vehicle registration requirements. Defines agricultural spreader vehicles and lists use, purpose, mileage, and other requirements that must be met to meet the exemption requirements. Deletes new subsection GS 20-116(l) regarding the operation of a vehicle not exceeding 110 inches, equipped with a self-loading bed, and designed exclusively for the transport of cotton. Amends GS 20-116(j) to clarify that *farm equipment* includes trucks with self-loading beds designed to transport cotton. Current law specifies regulations regarding the width of farm equipment operating on highways and applies to cotton transport trucks. Makes conforming changes to title and grammatical changes. Effective July 1, 2007 (was, when it becomes law).

July 9, 2007

**SL 2007-194 (S 738). REGISTRATION AND LENGTH EXEMPTIONS.** *AN ACT TO EXEMPT FOR-HIRE VEHICLES USED FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES FROM THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS, TO INCREASE THE ALLOWED LENGTH OF TRUCKS THAT TRANSPORT COTTON, AND TO CLARIFY THAT FARM EQUIPMENT INCLUDES TRUCKS THAT TRANSPORT COTTON.* Summarized in *Daily Bulletin* 3/13/07 and 5/8/07. Enacted July 8, 2007. Effective July 1, 2007.