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SUMMARY

- Exempts a farm equipment permit holder from any requirement to obtain a law enforcement escort if certain conditions are met.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Police escorts for farm machinery or farm equipment

The bill prohibits the Director of Transportation from requiring a farm equipment permit holder to obtain a law enforcement escort when hauling farm machinery or farm equipment if both of the following conditions are met:

1. The permit holder operates the farm machinery or farm equipment on a state route other than an interstate highway; and
2. The permit holder moves the farm machinery or farm equipment less than ten miles.¹

Under current law, a person must obtain a farm equipment permit to haul farm machinery and farm equipment. The farm equipment permit allows unlimited movements of farm machinery and equipment to and from a farm or between two farm implement dealers for a period up to a year. The farm equipment must be part of an over-dimension vehicle whose maximum weight, length, and height do not exceed the statutory limitations and whose width is 14 feet or less.²

Current law allows the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), at the discretion of the Director, to require a police escort for certain overweight or over-dimension vehicles,

¹ R.C. 4513.34(B)(5).

² Ohio Administrative Code (O.A.C.) 5501:2-1-01(J).

including farm machinery or farm equipment.³ Accordingly, ODOT requires such an escort if, in ODOT’s opinion, any movement may result in delay or hazard to the traveling public or damage to the roads.⁴

HISTORY

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³ O.A.C. 5501:2-1-04(L).

⁴ See [Escort Requirements](http://transportation.ohio.gov), available on ODOT’s website: transportation.ohio.gov.