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SUMMARY

- Exempts a vehicle that is towing or hauling farm machinery and equipment, under certain circumstances, from current law's requirements concerning vehicle width, length, and height standards.

DETAILED ANALYSIS

Towing or hauling farm machinery and equipment

The bill exempts a vehicle that is towing or hauling farm machinery and equipment from current law's requirements concerning vehicle width, length, and height standards ("dimension requirements"),¹ provided one of the following applies:

1. The towing or hauling vehicle would otherwise meet the dimension requirements if it was not engaged in towing or hauling the farm machinery and equipment; or
2. The towing or hauling vehicle's owner or operator has the proper permits to cover the dimensions of the towing or hauling vehicle, without consideration of the added dimensions of the farm machinery and equipment that is being towed or hauled.

Generally, a vehicle operator must obtain a special hauling permit through the Ohio Department of Transportation or through the local authority through which the vehicle travels if the vehicle exceeds one or more legal maximum dimensions, although certain exemptions apply in current law. Such exemptions include vehicles and pole trailers used in the transportation of wooden and metal poles and the transportation of pipes or well-drilling equipment. Current law also exempts "farm machinery and equipment" from vehicle dimension requirements. However,

¹ See [Legal Dimension & Weight Limits for Highway Vehicles](#), available on Ohio Department of Transportation's website: transportation.ohio.gov by searching "legal dimension and weight limits."

it does not exempt a vehicle that tows or hauls the machinery or equipment from complying with the dimension requirements.²

HISTORY

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² R.C. 5577.05.