

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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CHAPTER 1015
SENATE BILL 1014

AN ACT TO REVISE THE CATEGORY OF SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT, TO ESTABLISH A UNIFORM REGISTRATION FEE FOR SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT, AND TO ALLOW SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT TO TOW CERTAIN VEHICLES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-4.01(44) reads as rewritten:

"(44) Special Mobile Equipment. —~~Every truck, truck tractor, industrial truck, trailer, or semitrailer on which have been permanently attached cranes, mills, well boring apparatus, ditch digging apparatus, air compressors, electric welders, or any similar type apparatus or which have been converted into living or office quarters, or other self-propelled vehicles which were originally constructed in a similar manner which are operated on the highway only for the purpose of getting to and from a nonhighway job and not for the transportation of persons or property or for hire. This shall also include trucks on which special equipment has been mounted and used by American Legion or Shrine Temples for parade purposes, trucks or vehicles privately owned on which fire fighting equipment has been mounted and which are used only for fire fighting purposes, and vehicles on which are permanently mounted feed mixers, grinders, and mills although there is also transported on the vehicle molasses or other similar type feed additives for use in connection with the feed mixing, grinding, or milling process. Any of the following:~~

- a. A vehicle that has a permanently attached crane, mill, well-boring apparatus, ditch-digging apparatus, air compressor, electric welder, feed mixer, grinder, or other similar apparatus, is driven on the highway only to get to and from a nonhighway job, and is not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property.
- b. A vehicle that has permanently attached special equipment and is used only for parade purposes.
- c. A vehicle that is privately owned, has permanently attached fire-fighting equipment, and is used only for fire-fighting purposes.

d. A vehicle that has permanently attached playground equipment and is used only for playground purposes."

Sec. 2. G.S. 20-87(10) reads as rewritten:

"(10) Special Mobile Equipment. – The ~~tax fee~~ for special mobile equipment ~~shall be seven dollars (\$7.00) for the license year or any portion thereof; provided, that vehicles on which are permanently mounted feed mixers, grinders and mills and on which are also transported molasses or other similar type feed additives for use in connection with the feed mixing, grinding or milling process shall be taxed an additional sum of thirty three dollars (\$33.00) for the license year or any portion thereof, in addition to the basic four dollars (\$4.00) tax provided for herein. part of the license year is the same as the fee in subdivision (5) for a private passenger motor vehicle of not more than 15 passengers.~~"

Sec. 3. Part 10 of Article 3 of Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-140.5. Special mobile equipment may tow certain vehicles.

Special mobile equipment may tow any of the following vehicles:

- (1) A single passenger vehicle that can carry no more than nine passengers and is not loaded, in whole or in part, with passengers or property.
- (2) A single property-hauling vehicle that has a registered weight of 5,000 pounds or less and is not loaded, in whole or in part, with passengers or property.

Special mobile equipment may not tow a vehicle that is not listed in this section."

Sec. 4. This act becomes effective August 1, 1992.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 23rd day of July, 1992.

James C. Gardner
President of the Senate

Daniel Blue, Jr.
Speaker of the House of Representatives