

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1997 SESSION

S.L. 1997-354
HOUSE BILL 463

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE PERMISSIBLE WEIGHT OF AGRICULTURAL
CROPS THAT MAY BE TRANSPORTED ON THE HIGHWAYS FROM THE
FIELD TO LOCAL MARKETS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 20-118(c)(12) reads as rewritten:

"(12) Subsections (b) and (e) of this section do not apply to a vehicle that ~~meets one of the following descriptions, (i) is hauling agricultural crops from the farm where they were grown to first market, (ii) is within 35 miles of that farm, (iii) does not operate on an interstate highway or posted bridge while hauling the crops, and does not exceed its registered weight; and meets one of the following descriptions:~~

- a. Is a five-axle combination with a gross weight of no more than ~~88,000~~ 90,000 pounds, a single-axle weight of no more than 22,000 pounds, a tandem-axle weight of no more than 42,000 pounds, and a length of at least 51 feet between the first and last axles of the combination.
- b. Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 761, s. 13.
- c. Is a four-axle combination with a gross weight that does not exceed the limit set in subdivision (b)(3) of this section, a single-axle weight of no more than 22,000 pounds, and a tandem-axle weight of no more than 42,000 pounds."

Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 22nd day of July, 1997.

s/ Dennis A. Wicker
President of the Senate

s/ Harold J. Brubaker
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ James B. Hunt, Jr.
Governor

Approved 4:07 p.m. this 1st day of August, 1997