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HOUSE BILL 982

Short Title: Farm Produce Hauling Permits.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives James, Creech; Bowman, DeVane, and McLawhorn.

Referred to: Agriculture.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SPECIAL OPERATION PERMITS FOR HAULING
FARM PRODUCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Chapter 20 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 20-199.1. Special permit for hauling North Carolina-grown produce.

(a) In addition to other permits provided by this Article, the Department of Transportation, upon written application by the owner or operator of any vehicle used for hauling farm produce grown in North Carolina, shall issue permits for special operation of these vehicles as provided in this section. The permits shall allow the vehicles to have a gross weight of no more than 88,000 pounds, a single axle weight of no more than 22,000 pounds, and a tandem axle weight of no more than 42,000 pounds. Additionally, any five-axle combination used for hauling North Carolina-grown farm products may have a gross weight of no more than 88,000 pounds and any four-axle combination hauling North Carolina-grown produce may have a tandem axle weight of 42,000 pounds.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, no permit shall designate the route to be traversed nor contain restrictions or conditions not applicable to other vehicles in their general use of the highways.

(c) No permit issued under this section shall authorize any vehicle whose axle weight or axle spacing would not be permissible under G.S. 20-115 through G.S. 20-118 to cross any bridge constituting a part of any public road.

- 1 (d) Permits issued under this section shall be valid for hauling farm produce
2 grown in North Carolina within 35 miles of the farm on which it was grown."
3 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.