

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

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Senator Hays moved the following:

## Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

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Between lines 132 and 133 insert:

Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 206.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

206.41 State taxes imposed on motor fuel.-

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(c) 1. Any person who uses any motor fuel for agricultural, aquacultural, commercial fishing, or commercial aviation purposes on which fuel the tax imposed by paragraph (1) (e), paragraph (1)(f), or paragraph (1)(g) has been paid is entitled



to a refund of such tax.

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- 2. For the purposes of this paragraph, "agricultural and aquacultural purposes" means motor fuel used in any tractor, vehicle, or other farm equipment which is used exclusively on a farm or for processing farm products on the farm, and no part of which fuel is used in any vehicle or equipment driven or operated upon the public highways of this state. This restriction does not apply to the movement of a farm vehicle, or farm equipment, citrus harvesting equipment, or citrus fruit loaders between farms. The transporting of bees by water and the operating of equipment used in the apiary of a beekeeper shall be also deemed an agricultural purpose.
- 3. For the purposes of this paragraph, "commercial fishing and aquacultural purposes" means motor fuel used in the operation of boats, vessels, or equipment used exclusively for the taking of fish, crayfish, oysters, shrimp, or sponges from salt or fresh waters under the jurisdiction of the state for resale to the public, and no part of which fuel is used in any vehicle or equipment driven or operated upon the highways of this state; however, the term may in no way be construed to include fuel used for sport or pleasure fishing.
- 4. For the purposes of this paragraph, "commercial aviation purposes" means motor fuel used in the operation of aviation ground support vehicles or equipment, no part of which fuel is used in any vehicle or equipment driven or operated upon the public highways of this state.

Section 3. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 316.515, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.515 Maximum width, height, length.

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- (5) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY AND FARM EQUIPMENT; AGRICULTURAL TRAILERS; FORESTRY EQUIPMENT; SAFETY REQUIREMENTS .-
- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, straight trucks, agricultural tractors, citrus harvesting equipment, citrus fruit loaders, and cotton module movers, not exceeding 50 feet in length, or any combination of up to and including three implements of husbandry, including the towing power unit, and any single agricultural trailer with a load thereon or any agricultural implements attached to a towing power unit, or a self-propelled agricultural implement or an agricultural tractor, is authorized for the purpose of transporting peanuts, grains, soybeans, citrus, cotton, hay, straw, or other perishable farm products from their point of production to the first point of change of custody or of long-term storage, and for the purpose of returning to such point of production, or for the purpose of moving such tractors, movers, and implements from one point of agricultural production to another, by a person engaged in the production of any such product or custom hauler, if such vehicle or combination of vehicles otherwise complies with this section. The Department of Transportation may issue overlength permits for cotton module movers greater than 50 feet but not more than 55 feet in overall length. Such vehicles shall be operated in accordance with all safety requirements prescribed by law and rules of the Department of Transportation.

======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete line 8 and insert:

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provisions; amending s. 206.41, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "agricultural and aquacultural purposes" for purposes of the required refund of state taxes imposed on motor fuel used for such purposes; amending s. 316.515, F.S.; revising the Florida Uniform Traffic Control Law to authorize the use of citrus harvesting equipment and citrus fruit loaders to transport certain agricultural products and to authorize the use of certain motor vehicles to transport citrus; amending s. 479.11, F.S.; conforming