

1 AN ACT in relation to vehicles.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,  
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by  
5 changing Section 3-809 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-809) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-809)

7 Sec. 3-809. Farm machinery, exempt vehicles and  
8 fertilizer spreaders - registration fee.

9 (a) Vehicles of the second division having a corn  
10 sheller, a well driller, hay press, clover huller, feed mixer  
11 and unloader, or other farm machinery permanently mounted  
12 thereon and used solely for transporting the same, farm wagon  
13 type trailers having a fertilizer spreader attachment  
14 permanently mounted thereon, having a gross weight of not to  
15 exceed 36,000 pounds and used only for the transportation of  
16 bulk fertilizer, and farm wagon type tank trailers of not to  
17 exceed 3,000 gallons capacity, used during the liquid  
18 fertilizer season as field-storage "nurse tanks" supplying  
19 the fertilizer to a field applicator and moved on highways  
20 only for bringing the fertilizer from a local source of  
21 supply to farm or field or from one farm or field to another,  
22 or used during the lime season and moved on the highways only  
23 for bringing from a local source of supply to farm or field  
24 or from one farm or field to another, shall be registered  
25 upon the filing of a proper application and the payment of a  
26 registration fee of \$13 per 2-year registration period. This  
27 registration fee of \$13 shall be paid in full and shall not  
28 be reduced even though such registration is made after the  
29 beginning of the registration period.

30 (b) Vehicles exempt from registration under the  
31 provisions of Section 3-402.A of this Act, as amended, except

1 those vehicles required to be registered under paragraph (c)  
2 of this Section, may, at the option of the owner, be  
3 identified as exempt vehicles by displaying registration  
4 plates issued by the Secretary of State. The owner thereof  
5 may apply for such registration plates upon the filing of a  
6 proper application and the payment of a registration fee of  
7 \$13, ~~and this registration shall be valid for a 2-year~~  
8 ~~registration period. This \$13 fee shall be paid in full and~~  
9 ~~shall not be reduced even though the application is made~~  
10 ~~after the beginning of the registration period.~~ The  
11 application for and display of such registration plates for  
12 identification purposes by vehicles exempt from registration  
13 shall not be deemed as a waiver or recision of its exempt  
14 status, nor make such vehicle subject to registration.

15 (c) Any single unit self-propelled agricultural  
16 fertilizer implement, designed for both on and off road use,  
17 equipped with flotation tires and otherwise specially adapted  
18 for the application of plant food materials or agricultural  
19 chemicals, desiring to be operated upon the highways ladened  
20 with load shall be registered upon the filing of a proper  
21 application and payment of a registration fee of \$250. The  
22 registration fee shall be paid in full and shall not be  
23 reduced even though such registration is made during the  
24 second half of the registration year. These vehicles shall,  
25 whether loaded or unloaded, be limited to a maximum gross  
26 weight of 36,000 pounds, restricted to a highway speed of not  
27 more than 30 miles per hour and a legal width of not more  
28 than 12 feet. Such vehicles shall be limited to the  
29 furthering of agricultural or horticultural pursuits and in  
30 furtherance of these pursuits, such vehicles may be operated  
31 upon the highway, within a 50 mile radius of their point of  
32 loading as indicated on the written or printed statement  
33 required by the "Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961", as  
34 amended, for the purpose of moving plant food materials or

1 agricultural chemicals to the field, or from field to field,  
2 for the sole purpose of application.

3 No single unit self-propelled agricultural fertilizer  
4 implement, designed for both on and off road use, equipped  
5 with flotation tires and otherwise specially adapted for the  
6 application of plant food materials or agricultural  
7 chemicals, having a width of more than 12 feet or a gross  
8 weight in excess of 36,000 pounds, shall be permitted to  
9 operate upon the highways laden with load.

10 Whenever any vehicle is operated in violation of Section  
11 3-809 (c) of this Act, the owner or the driver of such  
12 vehicle shall be deemed guilty of a petty offense and either  
13 may be prosecuted for such violation.

14 (Source: P.A. 91-37, eff. 7-1-99; 92-15, eff. 7-1-01.)

15 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect  
16 January 1, 2004.