

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2011**

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**SENATE BILL 461\***

Short Title: Amend Weight Limits for Farm Products. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Tucker; Blake, Davis, Forrester, Gunn, Hise, Jackson, Jones, Newton, Pate, Rabon, and Tillman.

Referred to: Transportation.

March 31, 2011

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO ALLOW AN EXEMPTION FROM VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR A  
3 PERSON HAULING LIVE POULTRY FROM THE FARM WHERE THE LIVE  
4 POULTRY IS RAISED TO ANY PROCESSING FACILITY WITHIN ONE HUNDRED  
5 FIFTY MILES OF THAT FARM.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-118(c)12 reads as rewritten:

8 "(12) Subsections (b) and (e) of this section do not apply to a vehicle that meets all  
9 of the conditions set out below:

10 a. Is hauling agricultural crops from the farm where the crop is grown  
11 to any market within 150 miles of that farm.

12 a1. Is hauling live poultry from the farm where the live poultry is raised  
13 to any processing facility within 150 miles of that farm.

14 b. Repealed by Session Laws 1993 (Reg. Sess., 1994), c. 761, s. 13.

15 b1. Does not operate on an interstate highway or exceed any posted  
16 bridge weight limits during transportation or hauling of agricultural  
17 products.

18 c. Does not exceed a single-axle weight of 22,000 pounds, a  
19 tandem-axle weight of 42,000 pounds, or a gross weight of 90,000  
20 pounds.

21 d. Is registered pursuant to G.S. 20-88 for the maximum weight allowed  
22 for the vehicle configuration as listed in subsection (b) of this  
23 section."

24 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective December 1, 2011, and applies to  
25 offenses committed on or after that date. Prosecutions for offenses committed before the  
26 effective date of this act are not abated or affected by this act, and the statutes that would be  
27 applicable but for this act remain applicable to those prosecutions.

