

Implement Dealer Transport of Implements of Husbandry; HB 2715

HB 2715 creates law related to transportation of farm implements by implement dealers on the highways. The bill defines an “implement dealer” as a person or business that buys, sells, or services farm tractors, implements of husbandry, or other farm machinery in the regular course of business.

An implement dealer who obtains a permit for an oversize or overweight vehicle may move or transport farm tractors, implements of husbandry, combines, fertilizer dispensing equipment, or other farm machinery on certain highways in Kansas. The bill creates an annual permit available to an implement dealer and also specifies an implement dealer could use a single-trip permit for this purpose. Such movement is required to meet certain conditions related to load size, is restricted to daylight hours, and can not use any highway that is part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways, *i.e.*, U.S. and interstate highways. The bill allows the equipment or machinery to be moved on a trailer or semi-trailer, pinned to a truck or truck tractor and traveling on its own wheels, or under its own power.

The bill allows an implement dealer or the dealer’s employees to move farm machinery when towing such machinery behind a farm tractor within a 100-mile radius of the implement dealer’s place of business when both the farm tractor and the equipment or machinery are equipped with flashing lights on both the front and rear; any machinery designed for or normally moved at speeds less than 25 miles per hour is required to clearly display a slow-moving vehicle emblem.

The bill clarifies provisions related to permits for oversize or overweight vehicles operated on highways and states no special permit will be required of an implement dealer who has obtained an annual permit and follows the conditions noted above.

The bill adds farm tractors operated by an implement dealer or the dealer’s employee to a list of vehicles exempt from the Uniform Commercial Driver’s License Act when the farm tractor is moved or transported in accordance with the permit requirements in the new section of law. The bill also corrects and clarifies references to codes of military justice in an exception related to military vehicles.