

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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CHAPTER 685
HOUSE BILL 544

1 AN ACT TO AMEND G.S. 20-88 TO PROVIDE THAT THE PRINCIPAL FEE FOR THE
2 REGISTRATION OF PROPERTY-CARRYING VEHICLES OPERATED IN
3 COMBINATION BE PLACED ON THE POWER UNIT OF SUCH COMBINATION
4 AND THAT A FEE OF \$3.00 BE IMPOSED ON TRAILERS AND SEMI-TRAILERS.

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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

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8 **Section 1.** G.S. 20-88(a) is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

9 "(a) Determination of weight — For the purpose of licensing, the weight of
10 self-propelled property-carrying vehicles shall be the empty weight and heaviest load to be
11 transported, as declared by the owner or operator; provided, that any determination of weight
12 shall be made only in units of one thousand pounds or major fraction thereof, weights of over
13 five hundred pounds counted as one thousand and weights of five hundred pounds or less
14 disregarded. The declared gross weight of self-propelled property-carrying vehicles operated in
15 conjunction with trailers or semitrailers shall include the empty weight of the vehicles to be
16 operated in the combination and the heaviest load to be transported by such combination at any
17 time during the registration period."

18 **Sec. 2.** G.S. 20-88(b) is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

19 "(b) There shall be paid to the Department annually, as of the first day of January, for the
20 registration and licensing of self-propelled property-carrying vehicles, fees according to the
21 following classification and schedule and upon the following conditions:

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23 "Schedule of Weights and Rates
24 "Rates Per Hundred Pounds Gross Weight

	Farmer	Private Hauler	Contract Carrier	Common Carrier of Property (Deposit)
25 Not over 4,500 pounds	\$0.15	\$0.30	\$0.75	\$0.60
26 4,501 to 8,500				
27 pounds inclusive.....	.20	.40	.75	.60
28 8,501 to 12,500				
29 pounds inclusive.....	.25	.50	1.00	.60
30 12,501 to 16,500				
31 pounds inclusive.....	.35	.70	1.15	.60
32 Over 16,500 pounds40	.80	1.40	.60

33 (1) The minimum fee for a vehicle licensed under this subsection shall be ten
34 dollars (\$10.00) at the farmer rate and twelve dollars (\$12.00) at the private
35 hauler, contract carrier and common carrier rates.

36 (2) The term 'farmer' as used in this subsection means any person engaged in the
37 raising and growing of farm products on a farm in North Carolina not less
38 than ten acres in area, and who does not engage in the business of buying
39 products for resale.
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- 1 (3) License plates issued at the farmer rate shall be placed upon trucks and truck
2 tractors that are operated exclusively in the carrying or transportation of
3 applicant's farm products, raised or produced on his farm, and farm supplies
4 and not operated in hauling for hire.
- 5 (4) Farm products means any food crop, cattle, hogs, poultry, dairy products,
6 flower bulbs (but does not mean nursery products) and other agricultural
7 products designed to be used for food purposes, including in the term farm
8 products also cotton, tobacco, logs, bark, pulpwood, tannic acid wood and
9 other forest products.
- 10 (5) The Department shall issue necessary rules and regulations providing for the
11 recall, transfer, exchange or cancellation of 'farmer' plates, when vehicle
12 bearing such plates shall be sold or transferred."

13 **Sec. 3.** G.S. 20-88(c) is hereby rewritten to read as follows:

14 "(c) There shall be paid to the Department annually, as of the first day of January, for the
15 registration and licensing of trailers or semitrailers, three dollars (\$3.00) for any part of the
16 license year for which said license is issued."

17 **Sec. 4.** All laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

18 **Sec. 5.** This Act shall be in full force and effect on and after January 1, 1962.

19 In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 7th day of June,
20 1961.