

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2009**

**SESSION LAW 2009-127  
HOUSE BILL 838**

AN ACT TO CREATE AN EXEMPTION FOR SIZE AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS OF  
HAULERS OF SAGE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** G.S. 20-116(d) reads as rewritten:

"(d) **Maximum Length.** – The following maximum lengths apply to vehicles. A truck-tractor and semitrailer shall be regarded as two vehicles for the purpose of determining lawful length and license taxes.

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, a single vehicle having two or three axles shall not exceed 40 feet in length overall of dimensions inclusive of front and rear bumpers.
- (2) Trucks transporting unprocessed cotton from farm to ~~gin-gin~~, or unprocessed sage from farm to market shall not exceed 50 feet in length overall of dimensions inclusive of front and rear bumpers.
- (3) Recreational vehicles shall not exceed 45 feet in length overall, excluding bumpers and mirrors."

**SECTION 2.** G.S. 20-118(k) reads as rewritten:

"(k) ~~From September 1 through March 1 of each year, a~~ A vehicle which is equipped with a self-loading bed and which is designed and used exclusively to transport compressed seed cotton from the farm to a cotton ~~gin-gin~~, or sage to market, may operate on the highways of the State, except interstate highways, with a tandem-axle weight not exceeding 50,000 pounds. Such vehicles shall be exempt from light-traffic road limitations only from point of origin on the light-traffic road to the nearest State-maintained road which is not posted to prohibit the transportation of statutory load limits. This exemption does not apply to restricted, posted bridge structures."

**SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009.

s/ Walter H. Dalton  
President of the Senate

s/ Joe Hackney  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue  
Governor



Approved 11:36 a.m. this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2009