AN ACT TO ALLOW AN EXEMPTION FROM VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS FOR A PERSON HAULING LIVE POULTRY FROM THE FARM WHERE THE LIVE POULTRY IS RAISED TO ANY PROCESSING FACILITY WITHIN ONE HUNDRED FIFTY MILES OF THAT FARM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

a. Is hauling agricultural crops from the farm where the crop is grown to any market within 150 miles of that farm, or is hauling live poultry from the farm where the live poultry is raised to any processing facility within 150 miles of that farm.

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

b1. Does not exceed a single-axle weight of 22,000 pounds, a tandem-axle weight of 42,000 pounds, or a gross weight of 90,000 pounds.

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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 14th day of June, 2011.

s/ Walter H. Dalton
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Beverly E. Perdue
Governor
Approved 11:44 a.m. this 23rd day of June, 2011