

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Vehicle Code is amended by changing  
5 Section 3-809 as follows:

6 (625 ILCS 5/3-809) (from Ch. 95 1/2, par. 3-809)

7 Sec. 3-809. Farm machinery, exempt vehicles and fertilizer  
8 spreaders; registration fee.

9 (a) Vehicles of the second division having a corn sheller,  
10 a well driller, hay press, clover huller, feed mixer and  
11 unloader, or other farm machinery permanently mounted thereon  
12 and used solely for transporting the same, ~~farm wagon type~~  
13 ~~trailers having a fertilizer spreader attachment permanently~~  
14 ~~mounted thereon, having a gross weight of not to exceed 36,000~~  
15 ~~pounds and used only for the transportation of bulk fertilizer,~~  
16 ~~and farm wagon type tank trailers of not to exceed 3,000~~  
17 ~~gallons capacity, used during the liquid fertilizer season as~~  
18 ~~field storage "nurse tanks" supplying the fertilizer to a field~~  
19 ~~applicator and moved on highways only for bringing the~~  
20 ~~fertilizer from a local source of supply to farm or field or~~  
21 ~~from one farm or field to another, or used during the lime~~  
22 ~~season and moved on the highways only for bringing from a local~~  
23 ~~source of supply to farm or field or from one farm or field to~~

1 ~~another,~~ shall be registered upon the filing of a proper  
2 application and the payment of a registration fee of \$13 per  
3 2-year registration period. This registration fee of \$13 shall  
4 be paid in full and shall not be reduced even though such  
5 registration is made after the beginning of the registration  
6 period.

7 (b) Vehicles exempt from registration under the provisions  
8 of subsection A of Section 3-402 of this Code, as amended,  
9 ~~except those vehicles required to be registered under~~  
10 ~~subsection (c) of this Section,~~ may, at the option of the  
11 owner, be identified as exempt vehicles by displaying  
12 registration plates issued by the Secretary of State. The owner  
13 thereof may apply for such permanent, non-transferable  
14 registration plates upon the filing of a proper application and  
15 the payment of a registration fee of \$13. The application for  
16 and display of such registration plates for identification  
17 purposes by vehicles exempt from registration shall not be  
18 deemed as a waiver or rescission of its exempt status, nor make  
19 such vehicle subject to registration. Nothing in this Section  
20 prohibits the towing of another vehicle by the exempt vehicle  
21 if the towed vehicle:

22 (i) does not exceed the registered weight of 8,000  
23 pounds;

24 (ii) is used exclusively for transportation to and from  
25 the work site;

26 (iii) is not used for carrying counter weights or other

1 material related to the operation of the exempt vehicle  
2 while under tow; and

3 (iv) displays proper and current registration plates.

4 (c) Any single unit self-propelled agricultural fertilizer  
5 implement, designed for both on and off road use, equipped with  
6 flotation tires and otherwise specially adapted for the  
7 application of plant food materials or agricultural chemicals,  
8 desiring to be operated upon the highways ladened with load  
9 shall ~~be registered upon the filing of a proper application and~~  
10 ~~payment of a registration fee of \$250. The registration fee~~  
11 ~~shall be paid in full and shall not be reduced even though such~~  
12 ~~registration is made during the second half of the registration~~  
13 ~~year. These vehicles shall, whether loaded or unloaded, be~~  
14 limited to a maximum gross weight of 36,000 pounds, restricted  
15 to a highway speed of not more than 30 miles per hour and a  
16 legal width of not more than 12 feet. Such vehicles shall be  
17 limited to the furthering of agricultural or horticultural  
18 pursuits and in furtherance of these pursuits, such vehicles  
19 may be operated upon the highway, within a 50-mile radius of  
20 their point of loading as indicated on the written or printed  
21 statement required by the Illinois Fertilizer Act of 1961, for  
22 the purpose of moving plant food materials or agricultural  
23 chemicals to the field, or from field to field, for the sole  
24 purpose of application.

25 ~~No single unit self-propelled agricultural fertilizer~~  
26 ~~implement, designed for both on and off road use, equipped with~~

1 ~~flotation tires and otherwise specially adapted for the~~  
2 ~~application of plant food materials or agricultural chemicals,~~  
3 ~~having a width of more than 12 feet or a gross weight in excess~~  
4 ~~of 36,000 pounds, shall be permitted to operate upon the~~  
5 ~~highways ladened with load.~~

6 Whenever any vehicle is operated in violation of subsection  
7 (c) of this Section, the owner or the driver of such vehicle  
8 shall be deemed guilty of a petty offense and either may be  
9 prosecuted for such violation.

10 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18.)