

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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# 119th MAINE LEGISLATURE

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Legislative Document

No. 2146

H.P. 1502

House of Representatives, April 5, 1999

**An Act to Exempt from Registration Agricultural Motor Vehicles.**

(AFTER DEADLINE)

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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 205.

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative DESMOND of Mapleton.  
Cosponsored by Senator MICHAUD of Penobscot and  
Representatives: BELANGER of Caribou, DUNCAN of Presque Isle, KNEELAND of  
Easton, O'NEAL of Limestone, SHERMAN of Hodgdon, SIROIS of Caribou, STEDMAN of  
Hartland, Senator: PARADIS of Aroostook.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

4 Sec. 1. 29-A MRS §510, sub-§1-A is enacted to read:

6 1-A. Motor vehicles used for farming. Registration or a  
8 license is not required for a motor vehicle used solely for  
10 farming purposes when the motor vehicle:

12 A. Is operated to or from:

14 (1) The premises where kept;

16 (2) A farm lot and between farm lots, when used for  
18 farming purposes by the owner of the motor vehicle; or

20 (3) A filling station or garage for fuel or repairs;

22 B. Is not operated in excess of 35 miles per hour or on a  
24 road where the posted speed limit exceeds 45 miles per hour;

26 C. Is operated within 5 miles of a boundary of the farm  
28 where the motor vehicle is customarily kept; and

30 D. Is operated on a public way only during daytime hours  
32 from May 1st to October 31st.

34 A motor vehicle exempt under this subsection is not subject to  
36 the provisions of chapter 15.

### 38 SUMMARY

40 This bill exempts from registration motor vehicles used  
42 solely for farming purposes that are operated to or from the  
premises where the motor vehicle is kept, a farm lot and between  
farm lots or a filling station or garage for fuel or repairs.  
The motor vehicle may not be operated in excess of 35 miles per  
hour, on a road with a posted speed limit of over 45 miles per  
hour or further than 5 miles from the main entrance of the farm.  
The motor vehicle does not need to meet the inspection standards  
for registered vehicles. The motor vehicle may be operated on a  
public way only during daytime hours from May 1st to October 31st.