

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1064

BY: BOECKMAN

AS INTRODUCED

AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR OPERATION OF FARM TRACTORS AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY ON CERTAIN ROADWAYS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROVIDING FOR PASSING CERTAIN ONCOMING WIDE-LOAD TRAFFIC; PROVIDING FOR A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR FARM TRACTORS AND IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY IN CERTAIN SITUATIONS; REQUIRING CERTAIN OPERATORS TO DRIVE WITH DUE REGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 11-406 of Title 47, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. A farm tractor, as defined in Section 1-118 of this title, or any implement of husbandry, as defined in Section 1-125 of this title, shall not be permitted to travel upon any highway in this state which is a part of the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. Such tractor or implement may be operated on any other roadway in this state if the operator has attached all the safety devices required by law and has taken reasonable steps to reduce the width of the tractor or implement as provided for by the manufacturer. Whenever the width of a farm tractor or implement of

husbandry exceeds the width of that portion of a roadway on which such tractor or implement is driven, which is marked as a single lane of traffic, or, if such roadway has not been marked for lanes of traffic and the width of such tractor or implement exceeds more than fifty percent (50%) of the width of such roadway, the operator shall move such tractor or implement, as soon as possible, as far to the right-hand side of the roadway as is practicable and safe upon approach of any oncoming or following vehicle and upon approaching the crest of a hill.

B. Upon the immediate approach of a farm tractor or implement of husbandry which cannot be moved by the operator thereof to the far right-hand side of the roadway, as required in subsection A of this section, due to the existence of any bridge or guardrail, sign or any other physical impediment which would not safely allow such tractor or implement to travel on the far right-hand side of the road, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way and shall immediately pull over to the far right-hand side of the road and remain in such position until the tractor or implement has passed.

C. This section shall not operate to relieve any operator of a farm tractor or implement of husbandry from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons using the roadway.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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