

1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
4

# A Bill

SENATE BILL 496

5 By: Senator Caldwell  
6 By: Representative Hollowell  
7

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8  
9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITS FOR  
10 SPECIAL CARGOES; TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE  
11 ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR SPECIAL CARGO TRANSPORTED BY  
12 A FARM MACHINERY EQUIPMENT HAULER; AND FOR OTHER  
13 PURPOSES.  
14

## Subtitle

15  
16  
17 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING PERMITS FOR  
18 SPECIAL CARGOES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW  
19 CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE OF A PERMIT FOR  
20 SPECIAL CARGO TRANSPORTED BY A FARM  
21 MACHINERY EQUIPMENT HAULER.  
22

23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
24

25 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 27-35-210(a)(2)(A)(iii), concerning the  
26 farm vehicles and machinery for which it is not necessary to obtain a permit  
27 for special cargo issued by the State Highway Commission, is amended to read  
28 as follows:

29 (iii) The vehicle or machinery is either:

30 (a) Being transported by a farm machinery  
31 equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler or repair person in making a delivery of a new or  
32 used vehicle or new or used machinery to the farm of the purchaser; or

33 (b) Being used in making a pickup and delivery  
34 of the vehicle or machinery from the farm to a shop of a farm machinery  
35 equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler or repair person for repairs and return to the farm;  
36 and



1  
 2 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 27-35-210(p)(1)–(3), concerning the  
 3 issuance of a permit for special cargo issued by the State Highway Commission  
 4 to transport farm machinery equipment, is amended to read as follows:

5 (p)(1) Except as provided in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section,  
 6 the commission may issue a special permit valid for one (1) year authorizing  
 7 the movement of a vehicle hauling farm machinery equipment that exceeds the  
 8 maximum width authorized under § 27-35-206, but does not exceed twelve feet  
 9 (12'), if a farm machinery equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler:

10 (A) Applies to the commission for the special permit; and

11 (B) Pays a fee not to exceed five hundred dollars (\$500)  
 12 per vehicle authorized under this subdivision (p)(1).

13 (2) A farm machinery equipment ~~dealer~~ hauler is responsible for  
 14 the safe routing of a vehicle issued a permit under subdivision (p)(1) of  
 15 this section, including without limitation ensuring the highways traveled by  
 16 the vehicle are sufficiently wide for the safety of the vehicle and the  
 17 traveling public.

18 (3) The commission may require that a farm machinery equipment  
 19 ~~dealer~~ hauler provide a bond or other security to compensate the Arkansas  
 20 Department of Transportation in the event of:

21 (A) Damage to a highway or a highway structure caused by a  
 22 vehicle issued a permit under subdivision (p)(1) of this section; or

23 (B) Costs related to the extrication of a vehicle issued a  
 24 permit under subdivision (p)(1) of this section from a width-restricted  
 25 highway or a highway construction or maintenance zone.

26  
 27  
 28 **APPROVED: 4/16/25**  
 29  
 30  
 31  
 32  
 33  
 34  
 35  
 36