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Motor Vehicles,
Commerce and Trade.

House File 382
By NIELSEN of Emmet, KIBBIE, PAUL,
LOSS and MUELLER.

Passed House, Date..... Passed Senate, Date.....
Vote: Ayes..... Nays..... Vote: Ayes..... Nays.....
Approved.....

A BILL FOR

An Act relating to registration fees for farm trucks.

Be It Enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

1 Section 1. Section three hundred twenty-one point one (321.1),
2 Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding thereto the following new
3 subsection:
4 " 'Farm truck' means all single-unit straight trucks having six
5 (6) wheels or less used by the owner to transport agricultural,
6 horticultural, dairy, or other farm products including livestock
7 which is produced or furnished by the owner of the truck, and
8 any other personal property owned by the farmer to whom the li-
9 cense for such truck is issued, from farm to market if such mar-
10 ket is not over fifty (50) miles from such farm."

1 Sec. 2. Section three hundred twenty-one point one hundred
2 nineteen (321.119), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding there-
3 to the following new paragraph:

4 "For all farm trucks, twenty-five dollars."

1 Sec. 3. Section three hundred twenty-one point four hundred
2 sixty-six (321.466), Code 1962, is hereby amended by adding
3 thereto the following new paragraph:

4 "A farm truck shall be permitted to carry loads in excess of
5 the gross weight for which it is registered, but such load shall
6 not exceed maximum gross weight per axle as prescribed by sec-
7 tion three hundred twenty-one point four hundred sixty-three

8 (321.463), of the Code. Any truck registered as a farm truck
9 may be used to transport raw farm products not produced by the
10 owner of the truck, from one farm to another, or from one portion
11 of a farm to another, or to or from a place where the whole grain
12 had been delivered for the purpose of cracking or grinding.”

EXPLANATION OF HOUSE FILE 382

This bill makes it possible for a farmer to register a single unit straight truck having up to six wheels for an annual registration fee of \$25. As the law now stands the registration fees which must be paid for such trucks make it unprofitable for a farmer to own his own truck. Farm trucks are used only on rare occasions and then only on limited trips.

It is believed that this bill would eliminate some of the farm tractors from the highway during harvest time because a farmer could afford to have and license a truck which he cannot do now.