



New York Farm Bureau
Lauren Williams, Associate Director
P.518.436.8495
lwilliams@nyfb.org

MEMORANDUM OF SUPPORT

Senate Bill 3924 (Senator Ritchie) / Assembly Bill 4485 (Assemblyman Magee)

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN FARM VEHICLES

Date: 6/8/2017

New York Farm Bureau, the state's largest agricultural advocacy organization requests your support on this important legislation. If enacted, it would remove an additional vehicle registration requirement that is onerous and burdensome on the registrant of a farm plated vehicle.

Farm plated vehicles are currently registered at a reduced price and can only be utilized within 25 miles of the farm. This gives farmers the opportunity to register and maintain an agricultural vehicle at a minimum cost with the stipulation that the vehicle will not drive any further than the designated mileage from the vehicle's point of registration. The vehicle is also allowed to travel to the nearest landfill and licensed motor repair shop. Typically, this registration is used for vehicles that transport product between fields owned by the same farm, but fields can be located in separate areas within a region.

However, in addition to filing and maintaining a registration that states the point of origin for the vehicle, the driver must also maintain an additional card that is attached to their registration that specifies each anticipated destination the truck will travel. This must be updated and maintained with each new destination. This creates a burden when farms are attempting to expand routes or purchase additional land. They are then required to submit additional vehicle registration information for each new destination. As the registration requirements currently require, the truck is allowed to be within 25 miles of the point of origin stated on the registration; requiring this additional paperwork for the farmer to maintain is unnecessary as the truck is already restricted to specific geographical locations.

While farms understand the necessity to maintain records for their registration, additional paperwork and regulations hinder their ability to efficiently maintain their business.

For these reasons, we respectfully request your support of this legislation.