

HOUSE BILL NO. 307

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDUCING SPECIAL FEES ON CERTAIN MOTORTRUCKS USED IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF TIMBER OWNED BY THE OPERATOR OF THE MOTORTRUCK; AMENDING SECTION 61-10-206, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 61-10-206, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-10-206. Special fees -- certain farm vehicles. (1) Except for motortrucks owned and operated by cooperative associations or cooperative marketing associations, there must be paid and collected annually a fee equal to 35% of the fees provided in 61-10-201 on:

(a) motortrucks owned and operated by ranchers or farmers in:

(i) the transportation of their own ranch, farm, orchard, or dairy products from point of production to market;

(ii) the transportation of timber harvested on their own ranch, farm, orchard, or dairy from point of harvest to market;

(iii) the transportation of supplies, commodities, or equipment to be used on the ranch, farm, orchard, or dairy;

(iv) the infrequent or seasonal transportation by one farmer for another for any purpose other than commercial hire of products of the farm, orchard, or dairy; or

(v) the transportation of supplies or commodities to be used on the farm, orchard, or dairy; ~~and~~

(b) one truck tractor and lowboy trailer used by contractors engaged exclusively in soil conservation work and land leveling activities that result in direct benefit to agriculture; and

(c) motortrucks primarily used in the transportation of timber owned by the operator of the motortruck from point of harvest to market.

(2) The minimum fee is \$6.

(3) A motor vehicle or trailer designed and used to apply fertilizer to agricultural land must be treated as special mobile equipment."

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2 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2015.

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