

# Senate Bill 349

Sponsored by Senator GIROD; Senators JOHNSON, KRUSE, OLSEN (Presession filed.)

## SUMMARY

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Permits small woodland owner to register vehicle as farm vehicle if woodland and vehicle meet certain requirements.

Modifies circumstances under which farmers using farm plates may haul logs from farm.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to farm vehicle registration; amending ORS 805.310, 805.320 and 805.390.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1.** ORS 805.310 is amended to read:

5 805.310. (1) **Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section**, to qualify for issuance of  
6 registration described under ORS 805.300 a person must be engaged, either as owner or renter, in  
7 operating one or more farms, orchards or ranches actually producing agricultural products or rais-  
8 ing livestock in sufficient quantities to reasonably require the use of the motor vehicle or vehicles  
9 for which the farm vehicle [*license*] **registration** is sought.

10 (2) Cooperative corporations or associations organized under the provisions of ORS chapter 62  
11 or corporations or subsidiaries of corporations do not qualify for the issuance of [*licenses*] **regis-**  
12 **tration** described under ORS 805.300 if owned by more than 100 shareholders.

13 (3) **A person who owns a farm that is a small woodland of less than 5,000 acres of**  
14 **forestland may register a motor vehicle under ORS 805.300 to transport timber if the motor**  
15 **vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or less.**

16 (4) As used in this section[.]:

17 (a) **"Farm" includes a small woodland of less than 5,000 acres of forestland.**

18 (b) "Shareholder" has the meaning given that term in ORS 60.001.

19 **SECTION 2.** ORS 805.320 is amended to read:

20 805.320. (1) Application for registration described under ORS 805.300 shall be made in a form  
21 prescribed by the Department of Transportation and certified to by the applicant and shall include  
22 all of the following:

23 [(1)] (a) The name and residence or business address of the applicant, except as provided for  
24 Address Confidentiality Program participants in ORS 192.846.

25 [(2)] (b) The number of acres as shown on the latest county real property tax statements of one  
26 or more of the farms, orchards or ranches upon which the motor vehicle sought to be registered is  
27 to be used.

28 [(3)] (c) The type and amount of agricultural commodities, agricultural products or livestock  
29 produced annually on one or more of the farms, orchards or ranches upon which the motor vehicle  
30 sought to be registered is to be used.

31 [(4)] (d) The number of trucks used on the one or more farms, orchards or ranches upon which

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1 the motor vehicle sought to be registered is to be used and the combined weight of the motor vehicle  
 2 sought to be registered.

3 [(5)] (e) A statement that any motor vehicle registered under ORS 805.300:

4 [(a)] (A) Will be used for one or more of the purposes specified under ORS 805.390.

5 [(b)] (B) Will not be used, at any time while registered under ORS 805.300, for any other purpose  
 6 or for the transportation of any other commodities or products for hire except as provided under  
 7 ORS 825.024.

8 [(c)] (C) Is needed in the operation of the one or more farms, orchards or ranches upon which  
 9 the motor vehicle sought to be registered is to be used.

10 [(6)] (f) Any other information required by the department.

11 [(7)] (g) Additional information required by law or by the department in making an application  
 12 for regular registration for the motor vehicle.

13 [(8)] (2) The application shall contain a declaration that it is made under penalties for false  
 14 certification. Violation of this subsection is subject to penalties under ORS 805.370.

15 (3) **As used in this section, “farm” includes a small woodland of less than 5,000 acres of**  
 16 **forestland.**

17 **SECTION 3.** ORS 805.390 is amended to read:

18 805.390. (1) This section establishes the uses allowed for vehicles registered under ORS 805.300,  
 19 and for vehicles authorized by ORS 805.400 to be registered under ORS 826.009 or 826.011. Vehicles  
 20 with farm vehicle registration or farm vehicle proportional registration may only be used for pur-  
 21 poses described in this section. Uses permitted on a farm under this section are also permitted on  
 22 one or more farms, orchards or ranches of the qualifying farmer. Violation of the limits established  
 23 under this section is subject to penalty under ORS 805.350. The following describes the uses per-  
 24 mitted vehicles registered under ORS 805.300 and for vehicles authorized by ORS 805.400 to be  
 25 registered under ORS 826.009 or 826.011:

26 [(1)] (a) The vehicles may be used in transporting the farmer’s own agricultural commodities,  
 27 agricultural products or livestock that were originally grown or raised by the farmer on the farmer’s  
 28 own farm. This [subsection] **paragraph** includes products and by-products of commodities or live-  
 29 stock that were packed, processed or manufactured by or for the farm operation so long as the  
 30 farmer retains ownership of the products but does not include products that have been transformed  
 31 into a finished state. For purposes of this [subsection] **paragraph**, products have not been trans-  
 32 formed into a finished state if the products:

33 [(a)] (A) Will be used in agricultural production;

34 [(b)] (B) Will be used in the production of another product;

35 [(c)] (C) Are not changed in visible character; or

36 [(d)] (D) Are of a type or kind ordinarily requiring further processing prior to sale to the ulti-  
 37 mate consumer.

38 [(2)] (b) The vehicles may be used in any transportation that is incidental to the regular oper-  
 39 ation of the farmer’s farm.

40 [(3)] (c) The vehicles may be used to transport supplies, equipment or materials to the farmer’s  
 41 farm that are consumed or used on the farm.

42 [(4)] (d) The vehicles may be used in transporting forest products to the farmer’s own farm or  
 43 transporting for any purpose forest products originating on the farmer’s farm. The only forest pro-  
 44 ducts included under this [subsection] **paragraph** are forest materials originating on a farm or as  
 45 an incident to the regular operation of a farm.

1        [(5)] (e) The vehicles may be used in the transportation of products, supplies, equipment or ma-  
 2        terials for another farmer who qualifies under ORS 805.310 on an exchange of labor basis if such  
 3        products, supplies, equipment or materials are to be used or consumed on such farm or are directly  
 4        related to the operation of the farm.

5        [(6)] (f) The vehicles may be operated for the personal use of the farmer, any member of the  
 6        farmer’s immediate family or any person in the farmer’s employ.

7        [(7)] (g) The vehicles [shall] **may** not be used to transport any of the following:

8        [(a)] (A) Piling.

9        [(b)] (B) Poles over 30 inches in circumference at the large end.

10       [(c)] (C) Except as otherwise provided in this [paragraph] **subparagraph**, logs over eight feet  
 11       six inches in length. A vehicle may be used to transport logs over eight feet six inches but not over  
 12       [16 feet 6 inches] **17 feet** in length if the vehicle has a loaded weight of [16,000] **26,000** pounds or less.

13       [(8)] (h) The vehicles may be partially operated under a permit issued by the Department of  
 14       Transportation under ORS 825.102, as described in ORS 825.024. When operated under a permit is-  
 15       sued under ORS 825.102, the vehicles are subject to ORS chapter 825.

16       [(9)] (i) The vehicles may be partially operated for hire as permitted in ORS 825.024 (1)(c) and  
 17       (d).

18       [(10)] (j) The vehicles may be rented or borrowed by a farmer to haul the farmer’s own products  
 19       if the farmer would qualify for farm vehicle registration for vehicles of the type and size rented or  
 20       borrowed.

21       [(11)] (k) The vehicles may be used in transporting straw, whether or not the straw was grown  
 22       on the farmer’s own farm, if the transporting farmer is the one who bales the straw.

23       **(2) As used in this section, “farm” includes a small woodland of less than 5,000 acres of**  
 24       **forestland.**

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