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HOUSE BILL NO. 674**AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE**(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation
on February 24, 2000)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Jones, S. C.)

A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 46.2-665 and 46.2-667 of the Code of Virginia, relating to exemption from registration of certain vehicle used for agricultural or horticultural purposes, farm machinery, and tractors.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That §§ 46.2-665 and 46.2-667 of the Code of Virginia are amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-665. Vehicles used for agricultural or horticultural purposes.

A. No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay a registration fee for any motor vehicle, trailer, or semitrailer used exclusively for agricultural or horticultural purposes on lands owned or leased by the vehicle's owner.

B. This exemption shall only apply to vehicles which are not operated on or over any public highway in this Commonwealth for any purpose other than:

1. Crossing a highway;

2. Operating along a highway for a distance of no more than thirty miles from one part of the owner's land to another, irrespective of whether the tracts adjoin; or

3. Taking the vehicle or attached fixtures to and from a repair shop for repairs;

4. *Taking another vehicle exempt from registration under any provision of §§ 46.2-664 through 46.2-668 or § 46.2-672, or any part or subcomponent of such a vehicle, to or from a repair shop for repairs, including return trips;*

5. *Operating along a highway to and from a refuse disposal facility for the purpose of disposing of trash and garbage generated on a farm; or*

6. *Operating along a highway for a distance of no more than thirty miles for the purpose of obtaining seeds, fertilizers, chemicals, or animal feed and returning.*

§ 46.2-667. Farm machinery and tractors.

No person shall be required to obtain the registration certificate, license plates and decals, or pay the prescribed fee for any farm machinery or tractor when operated on a highway (i) between one tract of land and another regardless of whether the land is owned by the same person or (ii) to and from a repair shop for repairs.