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**Amendment**

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Offered by:  
REP. MINER, 66<sup>th</sup> Dist.

To: Subst. House Bill No. 5746      File No. 241      Cal. No. 145

**"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION."**

1      After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and  
2      internal references accordingly:

3      "Sec. 501. Section 14-165 of the general statutes is amended by  
4      adding subdivision (14) as follows (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

5      (NEW) (14) "Special mobile agriculture vehicle" means a vehicle  
6      with an operator and agriculture support materials, operated upon or  
7      across any public highway, incidentally, in conjunction with the  
8      commercial operation of agriculture support. Commercial operation of  
9      agriculture support is limited to those services provided by a  
10     commercial entity to the agriculture industry and shall be limited to  
11     the spreading or spraying of materials to promote the growth of crops.

12     Sec. 502. Section 14-25b of the general statutes is repealed and the  
13     following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

14       (a) The commissioner may register any vehicle operated upon any  
15 public highway as special mobile equipment as defined in subsection  
16 (i) of section 14-165, as amended by this act, and may issue a special  
17 number plate which shall be displayed in a conspicuous place at the  
18 rear of such vehicle. The commissioner may issue a registration  
19 containing any limitation on the operation of any such vehicle which  
20 he deems necessary for its safe operation, provided such vehicle's  
21 movement on a highway shall be restricted from its place of storage to  
22 the construction site or from one construction site to another. No such  
23 vehicle shall be operated upon or across any highway during the times  
24 when lights are required as specified in section 14-96a unless it  
25 displays the lighted lamps required by sections 14-96b and 14-96c.  
26 Such vehicle shall not be used for the transportation of passengers or a  
27 payload when operating upon a highway, except that while operating  
28 on a highway construction project or on a construction project of any  
29 kind which requires the crossing of a highway, it may carry passengers  
30 or a payload to the extent required by the project. A vehicle registered  
31 as special mobile equipment shall be exempt from the equipment  
32 requirements specified in sections 14-80 to 14-106, inclusive. The  
33 commissioner may require that a vehicle for which an application for  
34 special mobile equipment registration is submitted pass an inspection  
35 prior to the issuance of such registration and at such times as he deems  
36 necessary for the safe operation of such equipment. The commissioner  
37 shall charge an annual fee for such registration equal to one-half of the  
38 commercial registration fee for a vehicle having the same gross weight.

39       (b) The commissioner may register any vehicle operated upon any  
40 public highway as a special mobile agriculture vehicle, as defined in  
41 subdivision (14) of section 14-165, as amended by this act, and may  
42 issue a special number plate which shall be displayed in a conspicuous  
43 place at the rear of such vehicle. The commissioner may issue a  
44 registration containing any limitation on the operation of any such  
45 vehicle which he deems necessary for its safe operation, provided such  
46 vehicle's operation upon or across a highway shall be restricted as  
47 follows: (1) To or from its place of storage, (2) to or from an agriculture

48 location, or (3) from one agriculture location to another. No such  
49 vehicle shall be operated upon or across any highway during any time  
50 when lights are required pursuant to section 14-96a. No such vehicle  
51 when operating upon or across a highway shall be required to have an  
52 escort motor vehicle precede or follow such vehicle. Such vehicle shall  
53 not be used for the transportation of passengers when operating upon  
54 or across a highway. A vehicle registered as a special mobile  
55 agriculture vehicle shall be exempt from the equipment requirements  
56 set forth in sections 14-80 to 14-106, inclusive, and the provisions of  
57 section 14-262. The commissioner may require any vehicle, for which  
58 an application for registration as a special mobile agriculture vehicle is  
59 submitted, to pass an inspection prior to the issuance of such  
60 registration and at such times as he deems necessary for the safe  
61 operation of such vehicle. The commissioner shall charge an annual fee  
62 of four hundred dollars for the registration of such vehicle."