

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
5 FOR
6 HOUSE BILL NO. 1422

By: Grego and **Hardin**

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9 An Act relating to motor vehicle; amending 47 O.S.
10 2021, Section 11-406, which relates to farm tractors
11 or implements; allowing certain tractors to operate
12 on certain roadways; and providing an effective date.

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14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

15 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 11-406, is
16 amended to read as follows:

17 Section 11-406. A. A farm tractor, as defined in Section 1-118
18 of this title, used for agricultural, commercial or any other lawful
19 purpose, or any implement of husbandry, as defined in Section 1-125
20 of this title, except trailers and semitrailers when operated in
21 accordance with statutory limits or provisions of Section 14-101 of
22 this title, shall not be permitted to travel upon any highway in
23 this state which is a part of the National System of Interstate and
24 Defense Highways. However, the Department of Public Safety shall

1 have the authority to permit such travel in certain geographic areas
2 of the state as deemed necessary. Such tractor or implement may be
3 operated on any other roadway in this state if the operator has
4 attached all the safety devices required by law and has taken
5 reasonable steps to reduce the width of the tractor or implement as
6 provided for by the manufacturer. Whenever the width of a farm
7 tractor or implement of husbandry exceeds the width of that portion
8 of a roadway on which the tractor or implement is driven, which is
9 marked as a single lane of traffic, or, if the roadway has not been
10 marked for lanes of traffic and the width of the tractor or
11 implement exceeds more than fifty percent (50%) of the width of the
12 roadway, the operator shall move the tractor or implement, as soon
13 as possible, as far to the right-hand side of the roadway as is
14 practicable and safe upon approach of any oncoming or following
15 vehicle and upon approaching the crest of a hill.

16 B. Upon the immediate approach of a farm tractor or implement
17 of husbandry which cannot be moved by the operator thereof to the
18 far right-hand side of the roadway, as required in subsection A of
19 this section, due to the existence of any bridge or guardrail, sign
20 or any other physical impediment which would not safely allow such
21 tractor or implement to travel on the far right-hand side of the
22 road, the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right-of-way
23 and shall immediately pull over to the far right-hand side of the
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1 road and remain in such position until the tractor or implement has
2 passed.

3 C. This section shall not operate to relieve any operator of a
4 farm tractor or implement of husbandry from the duty to drive with
5 due regard for the safety of all persons using the roadway.

6 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2023.

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8 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, dated 02/28/2023 -
9 DO PASS, As Amended and Coauthored.

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