

# CLARIFYING THE UNLICENSED FARM USE VEHICLE PROGRAM

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## What did the General Assembly approve in 2023?

The new legislation clarifies and makes improvements to the unlicensed farm use vehicle program administered through the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). These changes work to clearly define the program, how the exemption can be used, protects personal information and delays the enforcement of the program to July 1, 2024.



*The final plate design will begin with the letters “FV” followed by numbers.*

## Farm Use Placard Requirements

- Continues the longstanding requirement for a title on any pickup truck, panel truck, and sport utility vehicle obtaining a farm use placard. However, if a title is needed, there is a separate \$15 titling fee and no sales and use tax would be imposed as long as the vehicle claims the exemption.
- The farm use placard is required for pickup trucks, panel trucks and SUVs. The placard costs \$15 and is good for the life of vehicle, but is not transferable.
- Limits the information needed for the application:
  1. Name of owner or lessee of the vehicle
  2. Approximate farm location and acreage where the vehicle is used
  3. The type of agricultural commodities produced on the farm
  4. Statement signed by the owner or lessee that the vehicle will only be used for the purposes allowed under the farm use exemption
  5. Statement signed by the owner or lessee that the vehicle is an insured motor vehicle

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## What specific changes were made?

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1. Clarifies what vehicles are allowed to claim the farm use exemption:
  - a. Pickup and panel trucks
  - b. SUVs
  - c. Trailers and semitrailers
  - d. Vehicles other than pickup or panel trucks, SUVs, trailers or semitrailers having a gross weight rating greater than 7,500 pounds
2. The only vehicles that are required to obtain the permanent farm use placard from the DMV are pickup trucks, panel trucks and SUVs that have a gross weight rating of **under** 7,500 pounds
  - a. Trailers, semitrailers, and vehicles over 7,500 pounds are **NOT** required to obtain the placard, but still qualify for the farm use exemption
3. Prohibits the DMV from sharing personal, proprietary information from the placard application with anyone
4. Clarifies that the vehicle obtaining the farm use placard is exempt from paying sales and use tax
  - a. However, sales and use tax will be imposed upon the current market value of the vehicle at the time that the vehicle is registered for a nonexempt use or sold to a person who does not qualify for the farm use exemption
5. Allows farmers or employees operating a farm use vehicle to:
  - a. Stop for a meal
  - b. Dispose of incidental trash from the farmer's or employee's home along with trash generated on the farm
6. Using either the permanent placard from the DMV or your current farm use marker, you can travel up to 75 miles or to a storage house, packing plant, market or between your tracts of land.
7. Delays the enforcement date to July 1, 2024, to allow for successful implementation

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