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Bill Summary

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Overview

This bill prohibits several acts related to tampering with farm tractor clock-hour meters. Civil penalties and a private right to action are prescribed.

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1 Definitions. Defines "farm tractor" and "person."

2 Clock-hour meters; prohibited acts. Prohibits:

- tampering with clock-hour meters with the intent to defraud;
- operating a tractor with a disconnected or nonfunctional clock-hour meter with intent to defraud;
- advertising, selling, using, or installing a clock-hour meter tampering device;
- selling or offering for sale a farm tractor with knowledge that the hours registered have been altered to reflect fewer hours than the tractor has actually been in operation; and
- conspiring with another person to commit any of these acts.

3 Penalty; right of action. Authorizes civil penalties. The injured party may recover actual damages, as well as costs and disbursements including reasonable attorney fees. A court

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may increase damages above this amount but may not exceed 3x the actual damages or \$1,500, whichever is greater.