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Overview

This bill modifies exemptions from motor carrier hours of service requirements for agricultural transportation. "Hours of service" refers to carrier requirements in federal regulations (incorporated into state statutes with exceptions) on amounts of driving time, periods of rest, and logging of on-duty and rest times.

Section

Hours of service exemptions. Broadens the harvest season to be year-round for an hours of service exemption in *intrastate* transportation of agricultural commodities and farm supplies within a 150-air mile radius. Clarifies that the exemption covers all hours of service regulations, including electronic logging device rules.

There are multiple statutory exemptions from federal motor carrier regulation for agricultural transportation; this provision applies to all agricultural transportation including for-hire carriers.

Hours of service of driver. Incorporates a federal exemption into state statute and establishes a year-round harvest season, which has the effect of applying a federal exemption from federal hours of service rules in Minnesota for *interstate* transportation throughout the year.