



This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.

HOUSE BILL 307: Right-of-Way for Left-Turning Farm Equipment.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Transportation. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 19, 2019
Introduced by:	Reps. Dixon, Brisson, Humphrey, R. Turner	Prepared by:	Howard Marsilio
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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute to House Bill 307 would prohibit the passing of self-propelled farm equipment by vehicles proceeding in the same direction when the farm equipment is making a left turn or signaling that it intends to make a left turn.*

The PCS changes the effective date to December 1, 2019.

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 20 of the General Statutes sets forth the laws related to overtaking and passing vehicles on the highway.

Farm equipment is currently authorized to operate on most roadways within the State. Generally, they are required to stay right of the centerline, keep right if proceeding at less than the posted speed limit, and must yield to overtaking traffic.

Currently, motor vehicles are authorized to overtake slower moving traffic, which would include farm equipment, but there are limitations based on roadway circumstances. Currently, there is no law that specifically addresses overtaking and passing farm equipment operating on roadways.

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill would prohibit all vehicles from overtaking and passing self-propelled farm equipment when proceeding in the same direction if the farm equipment is making a left turn, or signaling that it intends to make a left turn.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective December 1, 2019, and would apply to offenses committed on or after that date.

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