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K-Tag Expansion Bill Benefits Maryland Farm Bureau Members

Maryland Farm Bureau (MFB) is pleased to announce the passage of Senate Bill 221, which will allow the expansion of farm-area vehicles with a class K registration to travel from 10 to 25 miles. For over two years, MFB has worked closely with the State Highway Administration to put forward a bill that would expand the current 10-mile radius of a Class K registration, better known as a K-tag.

“This bill is what Maryland Farm Bureau is all about,” said Maryland Farm Bureau President Chuck Fry. “Members saw an issue and developed it into policy at the county level and passed it through the state level. Then we asked our friends in Annapolis to submit a bill to try and fix the issue.”

With many farming operations expanding, farmers need the ability to travel further to and from operations. In addition, the majority of farmland in Maryland is rented land. Farmers need to transport their products and equipment to and from farming operations as well as to feed mills and markets.

The passage of this legislation will also curb fraud when non-farming vehicles apply for a K-tag. Farmers will now submit a schedule F tax form or show proof of farming activity at the time of renewal or initial application. There is a five-year limit on the radius increase, to look at the economic impact of the expansion.

“Maryland Farm Bureau would like to thank both Senator Mac Middleton for sponsoring the bill and Delegate Jay Jacobs for his leadership on the House side. MFB will continue to benefit its members by working with friendly lawmakers in Annapolis,” Fry said.

Maryland Farm Bureau is a private, non-profit membership organization. It is controlled by its members through the democratic process and is financed by voluntary membership dues. Its strength comes from the active participation of over 37,000 member families that belong to the state's 23 county Farm Bureaus.

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