

## PA Senate Passes Measures to Help Farmers Move Goods

- Makes it easier for farmers to provide home delivery of milk & agricultural products. (*Senate Bill 736*)
- Clarifies farmers are permitted to operate more vehicles with Class B or C licenses. (*Senate Bill 725*)

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By Senator Scavello

PEN ARGYL - The Senate passed two measures to help Pennsylvania farmers make home deliveries and meet other transportation needs. The bills were sent to the House of Representatives for consideration.

One bill would enable a farmer to register a farm vehicle for the delivery of milk and other agricultural products to both businesses and homes. Under current law, a farmer is required to purchase, register and maintain a separate commercial vehicle for home deliveries while also maintaining a farm vehicle to deliver products to businesses.

Another measure would allow farmers to use a Class A, B or C driver's license when operating farm vehicles with a combined weight of more than 26,000 pounds on roadways.

Act 170 of 2014 clarified that farmers did not need a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) when operating farm trucks, or farm trucks hauling trailers, with a combined weight of more than 26,000 pounds. However, it was unclear as to whether a farmer could use a Class B, Class C or Class A driver's license when operating those vehicles. A Class A driver's license is a graduated license above the common Class C license and requires an additional road test and fee.



## Citations to the Centenarians

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NAZARETH - Last week, I joined Northampton County Executive Lamont McClure and Northampton County Area Agency on Aging Board member Mary Jane Long to present citations to the Centenarians at Moravian Hall Square in Nazareth and Gracedale Nursing Home. September 22nd was National Centenarian Day. A special thank you to Mary Jane Long for helping to organize the two events and to the culinary students from the Career Institute of Technology who baked cupcakes for each Centenarian.



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