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This bill exempts farm trucks that are not physically operated outside of Minnesota from a state statute requiring commercial vehicles to have a USDOT number.

A USDOT number is assigned as part of a federally mandated process of registering vehicles that are used in interstate commerce. Minnesota requires under state law that certain vehicles (mainly, ones having a gross vehicle weight of over 10,000 pounds) must have a USDOT number even if used solely for intrastate commerce. There are exceptions from the state requirement, including ones for farm trucks not used in interstate commerce, and vehicles not used in intrastate or interstate commerce.