HB 981 -- Commercial Driver's Licenses

Sponsor: Meadows

This bill revises the definition of "farm vehicle" to clarify that it is a commercial motor vehicle operated by a farmer transporting agricultural products, machinery, supplies, or a combination of these within 150 miles to or from the farm.

The provisions regarding commercial driver's licenses will not apply to any person driving a farm vehicle which is controlled and operated by a farmer, including operation by employees or family members, and used to transport agricultural products, machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm if the vehicle is used within 150 miles of the individual's farm and is not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier.

The bill also prohibits the expungement of records of any person younger than 21 years of age found guilty of or who pled guilty to possession of intoxicating liquor or driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor and is licensed as a commercial motor vehicle driver or was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the violation.