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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources

**From:** The Office of Revisor of Statutes

**Date:** 02/14/2023

**Re:** H.B. 2160; Exempting the transport of cotton bales from the secured load requirements under certain conditions

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Current law prohibits vehicles from driving on any highway unless the vehicle is constructed to prevent any of its load from dropping, sifting, leaking or otherwise escaping. Additionally, any vehicle must have any load and any cover being used securely fastened. There are currently two exceptions to these requirements: (1) Trailers or semitrailers hauling livestock; and (2) trucks, trailers or semitrailers that haul agricultural forage commodities intrastate from the place of production to a market or place of storage or from a place of storage to a place of use. However, the second exemption does not apply to hay bales or other packaged or bundled forage commodities. H.B. 2160 would add a third exemption for the hauling of cotton bales intrastate within 150 miles from the place of production or storage to a market, place of storage, or place of use. This new, third exemption would be subject to the new requirements listed in lines 27 through 31.

H.B. 2160 would become effective upon publication in the statute book.