

HB799: Consumer Protection - Right to Repair Farm Equipment  
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Adopted Resolution on Right to Repair

This legislation or agreement must:

- o Be enforceable.
- o Guarantee farmer/owner and independent repair technician access to the information, parts, and tools that are available to dealerships, including, but not limited to, the ability to reset the operating system, acknowledging pricing structures may be different for farmer/owners vs. independent repair technicians. The diagnostic and repair information and tools must be fairly priced and delivered in a timely manner.
- o Include all OEM equipment, regardless of age, model, or years in use at the time of the effective date.
- o Differentiate between repair (the restoration of hardware to its original intended function) and illegal modification.
- o Not require any agricultural equipment owner to agree to any contract which removes existing rights.
- o We would support an agreement which grants farmer/owners and independent repair technicians' access, similar to the agreement reached in the automobile & light truck owners' industries. Absent progress on an agreement, we would consider supporting legislation achieving the same.

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