

[(a)](B) An individual who is [the] AN owner operator [of a Class F (tractor) vehicle, as described in § 13-923 of the Transportation Article,] is not a covered employee if:

- (1) the individual and motor carrier make a written agreement for permanent or trip leasing;
- (2) under the agreement:
  - (i) there is no intent to create an employer-employee relationship;
  - (ii) the individual is paid rental compensation; and
- (3) for federal tax purposes, the individual qualifies as an independent contractor.

[(b)](C) (1) A motor carrier who enters into an agreement under subsection [(a)] (B) of this section is considered a principal contractor under § 9-508 of this title.

(2) An individual who is an owner operator [of a Class F (tractor) vehicle] and enters into an agreement under subsection [(a)] (B) of this section is:

- (i) considered a subcontractor under § 9-508 of this title;
- (ii) for purposes of being a subcontractor, not considered a covered employee of the entity that the individual operator owns; and
- (iii) not entitled to compensation from a principal contractor under § 9-508 of this title.

[(c)](D) An individual who is an owner operator [of a Class F (tractor) vehicle] and enters into a written agreement under subsection [(a)] (B) of this section shall provide proof of insurance for any covered employee of the individual as may be required by this title.

**Article - Transportation**

13-916.

(a) When registered with the Administration, every single unit truck with two or more axles is a Class E (truck) vehicle.

(b) For each Class E (truck) vehicle, the annual registration fee is based on the maximum gross weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles, as follows:

Maximum Gross Weight Limit (in Pounds)	Fee (per 1,000 Pounds or Fraction Thereof)
10,000 (minimum) - 18,000	\$ 4.75
18,001 - 26,000	7.50
26,001 - 40,000	8.50
40,001 - 60,000	10.50
60,001 - 80,000 (maximum)	11.75