

SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE BILL NO. 396

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending sections 717, 719, 722, and 725 (MCL 257.717, 257.719,
257.722, and 257.725), section 717 as amended by 2018 PA 273,
section 719 as amended by 2018 PA 35, section 722 as amended by
2018 PA 274, and section 725 as amended by 2018 PA 17, and by
adding section 719d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 717. (1) The total outside width of a vehicle or the load
2 on a vehicle shall not exceed 96 inches, except as otherwise
3 provided in this section. **THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VEHICLE**
4 **TRANSPORTING FOREST PRODUCTS WHILE THAT VEHICLE IS TRAVELING ON A**
5 **COUNTY ROAD.**

(2) A person may operate or move an implement of husbandry of any width on a highway as required, designed, and intended for farming operations, including the movement of implements of husbandry being driven or towed and not hauled on a trailer, without obtaining a special permit for an excessively wide vehicle or load under section 725. The operation or movement of the implement of husbandry shall be in a manner so as to minimize the interruption of traffic flow. A person shall not operate or move an implement of husbandry to the left of the center of the roadway from a half hour after sunset to a half hour before sunrise, under the conditions specified in section 639, or at any time visibility is substantially diminished due to weather conditions. A person operating or moving an implement of husbandry shall follow all traffic regulations.

(3) The total outside width of the load of a vehicle hauling concrete pipe, ferrous pipe, agricultural products, or unprocessed logs, pulpwood, or wood bolts shall not exceed 108 inches.

(4) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (5) and this subsection, if a vehicle that is equipped with pneumatic tires is operated on a highway, the maximum width from the outside of 1 wheel and tire to the outside of the opposite wheel and tire shall not exceed 102 inches, and the outside width of the body of the vehicle or the load on the vehicle shall not exceed 96 inches. However, a truck and trailer or a tractor and semitrailer combination hauling pulpwood or unprocessed logs may be operated with a maximum width of not to exceed 108 inches in accordance with a special permit issued under section 725.

1 (5) The total outside body width of a school bus, a bus, a
2 trailer coach, a trailer, a semitrailer, a truck camper, or a motor
3 home shall not exceed 102 inches. However, an appurtenance of a
4 school bus, a trailer coach, a truck camper, or a motor home that
5 extends not more than 6 inches beyond the total outside body width
6 is not a violation of this section.

7 (6) A vehicle shall not extend beyond the center line of a
8 state trunk line highway except when authorized by law. Except as
9 provided in subsection (2), if the width of the vehicle makes it
10 impossible to stay away from the center line, a permit shall be
11 obtained under section 725.

12 (7) The director of the state transportation department, a
13 county road commission, or a local authority may designate a
14 highway under the agency's jurisdiction as a highway on which a
15 person may operate a vehicle or vehicle combination that is not
16 more than 102 inches in width, including load, the operation of
17 which would otherwise be prohibited by this section. The agency
18 making the designation may require that the owner or lessee of the
19 vehicle or of each vehicle in the vehicle combination secure a
20 permit before operating the vehicle or vehicle combination. This
21 subsection does not restrict the issuance of a special permit under
22 section 725 for the operation of a vehicle or vehicle combination.
23 This subsection does not permit the operation of a vehicle or
24 vehicle combination described in section 722a carrying a load
25 described in that section if the operation would otherwise result
26 in a violation of that section.

27 (8) The director of the state transportation department, a

1 county road commission, or a local authority may issue a special
2 permit under section 725 to a person operating a vehicle or vehicle
3 combination if all of the following are met:

4 (a) The vehicle or vehicle combination, including load, is not
5 more than 106 inches in width.

6 (b) The vehicle or vehicle combination is used solely to move
7 new motor vehicles or parts or components of new motor vehicles
8 between facilities that meet all of the following:

9 (i) New motor vehicles or parts or components of new motor
10 vehicles are manufactured or assembled in the facilities.

11 (ii) The facilities are located within 10 miles of each other.

12 (iii) The facilities are located within the city limits of the
13 same city and the city is located in a county that has a population
14 of more than 400,000 and less than 500,000 according to the most
15 recent federal decennial census.

16 (c) The special permit and any renewals are each issued for a
17 term of 1 year or less.

18 (9) A person may move or operate a boat lift of any width or
19 an oversized hydraulic boat trailer owned and operated by a marina
20 or watercraft dealer in a commercial boat storage operation on a
21 highway under a multiple trip permit issued on an annual basis as
22 specified under section 725. The operation or movement of the boat
23 lift or trailer shall minimize the interruption of traffic flow. It
24 shall be used exclusively to transport a boat between a place of
25 storage and a marina or in and around a marina. A boat lift or
26 oversized hydraulic boat trailer may be operated, drawn, or towed
27 on a street or highway only when transporting a vessel between a

body of water and a place of storage or when traveling empty to or from transporting a vessel. A boat lift shall not be operated on limited access highways. A person moving or operating a boat lift or oversized hydraulic boat trailer shall follow all traffic regulations and shall ensure the route selected has adequate power and utility wire height clearance.

(10) A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction. The owner of the vehicle may be charged with a violation of this section.

Sec. 719. (1) A vehicle unloaded or with load shall not exceed a height of 13 feet 6 inches. The owner of a vehicle that collides with a lawfully established bridge or viaduct is liable for all damage and injury resulting from a collision caused by the height of the vehicle, whether the clearance of the bridge or viaduct is posted or not.

(2) Lengths described in this subsection shall be known as the normal length maximum. Except as provided in subsection (3), the following vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall not be operated on a highway in this state in excess of these lengths:

(a) Subject to subsection (9), any single vehicle: 40 feet; a crib vehicle on which logs are loaded lengthwise of the vehicle: 42.5 feet; any single bus or motor home: 45 feet.

(b) Articulated buses: 65 feet.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a combination of a truck and semitrailer or trailer, or a truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and semitrailer or trailer, designed and used exclusively to transport assembled

1 motor vehicles or bodies, recreational vehicles, or boats: 65 feet.
2 A combination of a truck and semitrailer or trailer, or a truck
3 tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or a truck tractor and
4 semitrailer or trailer designed and used to transport boats from
5 the manufacturer: 75 feet. A stinger-steered combination: 80 feet.
6 The load on the combinations of vehicles described in this
7 subdivision may extend an additional 3 feet beyond the front and 4
8 feet beyond the rear of the combinations of vehicles, except that
9 the load on a stinger-steered combination may extend an additional
10 4 feet beyond the front and 6 feet beyond the rear. Retractable
11 extensions used to support and secure the load that do not extend
12 beyond the allowable overhang for the front and rear shall not be
13 included in determining length of a loaded vehicle or vehicle
14 combination.

15 (d) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall
16 length, the semitrailer: 50 feet.

17 (e) Except as provided in subdivision (j), truck and
18 semitrailer or trailer: 59 feet.

19 (f) Except as provided in subdivisions (g) and (k), truck
20 tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and 2
21 semitrailers: 59 feet.

22 (g) A truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or a truck
23 tractor and 2 semitrailers, in which no semitrailer or trailer is
24 more than 28-1/2 feet long: 65 feet. This subdivision only applies
25 while the vehicle is being used for a business purpose reasonably
26 related to picking up or delivering a load and only if each
27 semitrailer or trailer is equipped with a device or system capable

1 of mechanically dumping construction materials or dumping
2 construction materials by force of gravity.

3 (h) More than 1 motor vehicle, wholly or partially assembled,
4 in combination, utilizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts with full
5 mount mechanisms and utilizing the motive power of 1 of the
6 vehicles in combination: 55 feet.

7 (i) A recreational vehicle that has its own motive power, in
8 combination with a trailer: 65 feet or, if the operator of the
9 recreational vehicle has a group commercial motor vehicle
10 designation on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license, 75
11 feet.

12 (j) Truck and trailer combinations designed and used to
13 transport agricultural drainage tubing: 75 feet.

14 (k) A towaway trailer transporter combination: 82 feet. As
15 used in this subdivision, "towaway trailer transportation
16 combination" means that term as defined in 49 USC 31111.

17 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the following vehicles and
18 combinations of vehicles shall not be operated on a designated
19 highway of this state in excess of these lengths:

20 (a) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall
21 length limit, the semitrailer 53 feet. City, village, or county
22 authorities may prohibit stops of vehicles with a semitrailer
23 longer than 50 feet within their jurisdiction unless the stop
24 occurs along appropriately designated routes, or is necessary for
25 emergency purposes or to reach shippers, receivers, warehouses, and
26 terminals along designated routes.

27 (b) Except as provided in subsection (2)(k), truck and

1 semitrailer or trailer combinations: 65 feet, except that a person
2 may operate a truck and semitrailer or trailer designed and used to
3 transport saw logs, pulpwood, and tree length poles that does not
4 exceed an overall length of 70 feet or a crib vehicle and
5 semitrailer or trailer designed and used to transport saw logs that
6 does not exceed an overall length of 75 feet. A crib vehicle and
7 semitrailer or trailer designed to and used to transport saw logs
8 shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of 164,000 pounds. A person
9 may operate a truck tractor and semitrailer designed and used to
10 transport saw logs, pulpwood, and tree length wooden poles with a
11 load overhang to the rear of the semitrailer which does not exceed
12 6 feet if the semitrailer does not exceed 50 feet in length.

13 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (5)(d), a truck tractor with a
14 log slasher unit and a log saw unit: no overall limit if the length
15 of each unit does not exceed 28-1/2 feet, or the overall length of
16 the log slasher unit and the log saw unit, as measured from the
17 front of the first towed unit to the rear of the second towed unit
18 while the units are coupled together, does not exceed 58 feet. The
19 coupling devices of the truck tractor and units set forth in this
20 subdivision shall meet the requirements established under the motor
21 carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

22 (d) Except as provided in subsection (2)(k), truck tractor and
23 2 semitrailers, or truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer
24 combinations: no overall length limit, if the length of each
25 semitrailer or trailer does not exceed 28-1/2 feet each, or the
26 overall length of the semitrailer and trailer, or 2 semitrailers as
27 measured from the front of the first towed unit to the rear of the

1 second towed unit while the units are coupled together does not
2 exceed 58 feet.

3 (e) More than 1 motor vehicle, wholly or partially assembled,
4 in combination, utilizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts with full
5 mount mechanisms and utilizing the motive power of 1 of the
6 vehicles in combination: 97 feet.

7 (f) Truck tractor and lowboy semitrailer combinations: no
8 maximum overall length, if the lowboy semitrailer does not exceed
9 59 feet, except as otherwise permitted under this subdivision. A
10 lowboy semitrailer more than 59 feet in length shall not operate
11 with more than any combination of 4 axles on the lowboy unless an
12 oversized load permit is issued by the state transportation
13 department or a local authority with respect to highways under its
14 jurisdiction. As used in this subdivision, "lowboy semitrailer"
15 means a flatbed semitrailer with a depressed section that has the
16 specific purpose of being lowered and raised for loading and
17 unloading.

18 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
19 combination of a truck and semitrailer, or truck tractor and
20 semitrailer, used exclusively to transport assembled motor vehicles
21 or bodies that have a trailer length of 53 feet may have a load
22 that extends an additional 3 feet beyond the front of the trailer
23 and 4 feet beyond the rear of the trailer. Retractable extensions
24 used to support and secure the load that do not extend beyond the
25 allowable overhang for the front and rear shall not be included in
26 determining length of a loaded vehicle or vehicle combination. The
27 total overall length loaded of the combination of vehicles

1 described in this subsection shall not exceed 79 feet.

2 (5) The following combinations and movements are prohibited:

3 (a) A truck shall not haul more than 1 trailer or semitrailer,
4 and a truck tractor shall not haul more than 2 semitrailers or 1
5 semitrailer and 1 trailer in combination at any 1 time, except that
6 a farm tractor may haul 2 wagons or trailers, or garbage and refuse
7 haulers may, during daylight hours, haul up to 4 trailers for
8 garbage and refuse collection purposes, not exceeding in any
9 combination a total length of 55 feet and at a speed limit not to
10 exceed 15 miles per hour.

11 (b) A combination of vehicles or a vehicle shall not have more
12 than 11 axles, except when operating under a valid permit issued by
13 the state transportation department or a local authority with
14 respect to a highway under its jurisdiction.

15 (c) Any combination of vehicles not specifically authorized
16 under this section is prohibited.

17 (d) Except as provided in subsection (3)(c), a combination of
18 2 semitrailers pulled by a truck tractor, unless each semitrailer
19 uses a fifth wheel connecting assembly that conforms to the
20 requirements of the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181,
21 MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

22 (e) Except as provided in subsection (2)(c), a vehicle or a
23 combination of vehicles shall not carry a load extending more than
24 3 feet beyond the front of the lead vehicle.

25 (f) A vehicle described in subsections (2)(e) and (3)(e)
26 employing triple saddle mounts unless all wheels that are in
27 contact with the roadway have operating brakes.

1 (6) All combinations of vehicles under this section shall
2 employ connecting assemblies and lighting devices that are in
3 compliance with the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181,
4 MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

5 (7) The total gross weight of a truck tractor, semitrailer,
6 and trailer combination or a truck tractor and 2 semitrailers
7 combination that exceeds 59 feet in length shall not exceed a ratio
8 of 400 pounds per engine net horsepower delivered to clutch or its
9 equivalent specified in the handbook published by the Society of
10 Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE), 1977 edition.

11 (8) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
12 civil infraction. The owner of the vehicle may be charged with a
13 violation of this section.

14 (9) The provisions in subsections (2)(a) and (3)(b)
15 prescribing the length of a crib vehicle on which logs are loaded
16 lengthwise do not apply unless 23 USC 127(d) is amended to allow
17 crib vehicles carrying logs to be loaded as described in this
18 section.

19 **(10) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THIS**
20 **SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A VEHICLE TRANSPORTING FOREST PRODUCTS**
21 **WHILE THAT VEHICLE IS TRAVELING ON A COUNTY ROAD.**

22 **(11) ~~(10)~~**As used in this section:

23 (a) "Designated highway" means a highway approved by the state
24 transportation department or a local authority with respect to a
25 highway under its jurisdiction.

26 (b) "Length" means the total length of a vehicle, or
27 combination of vehicles, including any load the vehicle is

1 carrying. Length does not include devices described in 23 CFR
2 658.16 and 23 CFR part 658, appendix D, 23 CFR 658.16 and 23 CFR
3 part 658, appendix D, as on file with the secretary of state are
4 adopted by reference. A safety or energy conservation device shall
5 be excluded from a determination of length only if it is not
6 designed or used for the carrying of cargo, freight, or equipment.
7 Semitrailers and trailers shall be measured from the front vertical
8 plane of the foremost transverse load supporting structure to the
9 rearmost transverse load supporting structure. Vehicle components
10 not excluded by law shall be included in the measurement of the
11 length, height, and width of the vehicle.

12 (c) "Stinger-steered combination" means a truck tractor and
13 semitrailer combination in which the fifth wheel is located on a
14 drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power
15 unit.

16 **SEC. 719D. A PERSON MAY OPERATE A PNEUMATIC TIRED FORESTRY**
17 **VEHICLE OR A FORESTRY HARVEST VEHICLE FOR A DISTANCE OF NO MORE**
18 **THAN 20 MILES ON A HIGHWAY IF THAT VEHICLE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SLOW-**
19 **MOVING VEHICLE EMBLEM AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 688 AND A FLASHING**
20 **STROBE LIGHT, AND IF THE VEHICLE IS UNLADEN. AS USED IN THIS**
21 **SECTION, "UNLADEN" MEANS THAT THE VEHICLE IS NOT CARRYING ANY**
22 **MATERIALS OTHER THAN ATTACHMENTS USED IN THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE**
23 **VEHICLE, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, TIRE CHAINS, TRACKS, OR**
24 **ROAD DRAGS.**

25 Sec. 722. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
26 the maximum axle load shall not exceed the number of pounds
27 designated in the following provisions that prescribe the distance

1 between axles:

2 (a) If the axle spacing is 9 feet or more between axles, the
3 maximum axle load shall not exceed 18,000 pounds for vehicles
4 equipped with high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

5 (b) If the axle spacing is less than 9 feet between 2 axles
6 but more than 3-1/2 feet, the maximum axle load shall not exceed
7 13,000 pounds for high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

8 (c) If the axles are spaced less than 3-1/2 feet apart, the
9 maximum axle load shall not exceed 9,000 pounds per axle.

10 (d) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) shall be known as the
11 normal loading maximum.

12 (2) When normal loading is in effect, the state transportation
13 department, or a local authority with respect to highways under its
14 jurisdiction, may designate certain highways, or sections of those
15 highways, where bridges and road surfaces are adequate for heavier
16 loading, and revise a designation as needed, on which the maximum
17 tandem axle assembly loading shall not exceed 16,000 pounds for any
18 axle of the assembly, if there is no other axle within 9 feet of
19 any axle of the assembly.

20 (3) A combination of vehicles may operate on designated
21 highways with not more than 1 tandem axle assembly having a gross
22 weight of 16,000 pounds per axle, if there is no other axle within
23 9 feet of the assembly. On a combination of truck tractor and
24 semitrailer having not more than 5 axles, 2 consecutive tandem axle
25 assemblies may operate on designated highways at a gross
26 permissible weight of 16,000 pounds per axle, if there is no other
27 axle within 9 feet of any axle of either assembly.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), on a combination of truck tractor and semitrailer having not more than 5 axles, 2 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross permissible weight of not to exceed 17,000 pounds on any axle of the tandem axles if there is no other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the tandem axles and if the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles are not less than 36 feet apart and the gross vehicle weight does not exceed 80,000 pounds to pick up and deliver agricultural commodities between the national truck network or special designated highways and any other highway. This subsection is not subject to the maximum axle loads of subsections (1), (2), and (3). For purposes of this subsection, a "tandem axle" means 2 axles spaced more than 40 inches but not more than 96 inches apart or 2 axles spaced more than 3-1/2 feet but less than 9 feet apart. This subsection does not apply during that period when reduced maximum loads are in effect under subsection (8).

(5) The seasonal reductions described under subsection (8) to the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirement of subsection (12) do not apply to a person hauling agricultural commodities **OR FORESTRY EQUIPMENT** if the person who picks up or delivers the agricultural commodity either from a farm or to a farm **OR THE PERSON WHO PICKS UP OR DELIVERS THE FORESTRY EQUIPMENT** notifies the county road commission for roads under its authority not less than 48 hours before the pickup or delivery of the time and location of the pickup or delivery. The county road commission shall issue a permit to the person and charge a fee that does not exceed the administrative costs incurred. The permit shall contain

1 all of the following:

2 (a) The designated route or routes of travel for the load.

3 (b) The date and time period requested by the person who picks
4 up or delivers the agricultural commodities **OR FORESTRY EQUIPMENT**
5 during which the load may be delivered or picked up.

6 (c) A maximum speed limit of travel, if necessary.

7 (d) Any other specific conditions agreed to between the
8 parties.

9 (6) The seasonal reductions described under subsection (8) to
10 the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirements of
11 subsection (12) do not apply to public utility vehicles under the
12 following circumstances:

13 (a) For emergency public utility work on restricted roads, as
14 follows:

15 (i) If required by the county road commission, the public
16 utility or its subcontractor shall notify the county road
17 commission, as soon as practical, of the location of the emergency
18 public utility work and provide a statement that the vehicles that
19 were used to perform the emergency utility work may have exceeded
20 the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirements of
21 subsection (12) as reduced under subsection (8). The notification
22 may be made via facsimile or electronically.

23 (ii) The public utility vehicle travels to and from the site
24 of the emergency public utility work while on a restricted road at
25 a speed not greater than 35 miles per hour.

26 (b) For nonemergency public utility work on restricted roads,
27 as follows:

1 (i) If the county road commission requires, the public utility
2 or its subcontractor shall apply to the county road commission
3 annually for a seasonal truck permit for roads under its authority
4 before seasonal weight restrictions are effective. The county road
5 commission shall issue a seasonal truck permit for each public
6 utility vehicle or vehicle configuration the public utility or
7 subcontractor anticipates will be utilized for nonemergency public
8 utility work. The county road commission may charge a fee for a
9 seasonal truck permit that does not exceed the administrative costs
10 incurred for the permit. The seasonal truck permit shall contain
11 all of the following:

12 (A) The seasonal period requested by the public utility or
13 subcontractor during which the permit is valid.

14 (B) A unique identification number for the vehicle and any
15 vehicle configuration to be covered on the seasonal truck permit
16 requested by the public utility or subcontractor.

17 (C) A requirement that travel on restricted roads during
18 weight restrictions will be minimized and only utilized when
19 necessary to perform public utility work using the public utility
20 vehicle or vehicle configuration and that nonrestricted roads shall
21 be used for travel when available and for routine travel.

22 (D) A requirement that in the case of a subcontractor the
23 permit is only valid while the subcontractor vehicle is being
24 operated in the performance of public utility work.

25 (E) A requirement that a subcontractor vehicle or vehicle
26 configuration shall display signage on the outside of the vehicle
27 to identify the vehicle as operating on behalf of the public

1 utility.

2 (ii) If the county road commission requires notification, the
3 county road commission shall provide a notification application for
4 the public utility or its subcontractor to use when requesting
5 access to operate on restricted roads and the public utility or its
6 subcontractor shall provide notification to the county road
7 commission, via facsimile or electronically, not later than 24
8 hours before the time of the intended travel. A subcontractor using
9 a vehicle on a restricted road shall have a copy of any
10 notification provided to a county road commission in the
11 subcontractor's possession while performing the relevant
12 nonemergency work. Notwithstanding this subsection or an agreement
13 under this subsection, if the county road commission determines
14 that the condition of a particular road under its jurisdiction
15 makes it unusable, the county road commission may deny access to
16 all or any part of that road. The denial shall be made and
17 communicated via facsimile or electronically to the public utility
18 or its subcontractor within 24 hours after receiving notification
19 that the public utility or subcontractors intends to perform
20 nonemergency work that requires use of that road. Any notification
21 that is not disapproved within 24 hours after the notice is
22 received by the county road commission is considered approved. The
23 notification application required under this subparagraph may
24 include all of the following information:

- 25 (A) The address or location of the nonemergency work.
26 (B) The date or dates of the nonemergency work.
27 (C) The route to be taken to the nonemergency work site.

1 (D) The restricted road or roads intended to be traveled upon
2 to the nonemergency work site or sites.

3 (E) In the case of a subcontractor, the utility on whose
4 behalf the subcontractor is performing services.

5 (7) The normal size of tires shall be the rated size as
6 published by the manufacturers, and the maximum wheel load
7 permissible for any wheel shall not exceed 700 pounds per inch of
8 width of tire.

9 (8) Except as provided in this subsection and ~~subsection~~
10 **SUBSECTIONS (9) AND (15)**, during the months of March, April, and
11 May in each year, the maximum axle load allowable on concrete
12 pavements or pavements with a concrete base is reduced by 25% from
13 the maximum axle load as specified in this chapter, and the maximum
14 axle loads allowable on all other types of roads during these
15 months are reduced by 35% from the maximum axle loads as specified.
16 The maximum wheel load shall not exceed 525 pounds per inch of tire
17 width on concrete and concrete base or 450 pounds per inch of tire
18 width on all other roads during the period the seasonal road
19 restrictions are in effect. Subject to subsection (5), this
20 subsection does not apply to vehicles transporting agricultural
21 commodities or, subject to subsection (6), public utility vehicles
22 on a highway, road, or street under the jurisdiction of a local
23 road agency, or a school bus. **THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A**
24 **VEHICLE TRANSPORTING FOREST PRODUCTS ON A COUNTY ROAD.** In addition,
25 this subsection does not apply to a vehicle delivering propane fuel
26 to a residence if the vehicle's propane tank is filled to not more
27 than 50% of its capacity and the vehicle is traveling at not more

1 than 35 miles per hour. **NOTHING IN THIS SUBSECTION AFFECTS THE**
2 **VALIDITY OF A PERMIT ISSUED UNDER SECTION 725.** The state
3 transportation department and each local authority with highways
4 and streets under its jurisdiction to which the seasonal
5 restrictions prescribed under this subsection apply shall, **NO LATER**
6 **THAN 48 HOURS BEFORE THE DATE THE SEASON RESTRICTIONS BEGIN,** post
7 all of the following information on **ALL ROADS SUBJECT TO SEASONAL**
8 **ROAD RESTRICTIONS THAT INTERSECT ROADS THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO**
9 **SEASONAL ROAD RESTRICTIONS AND ON** the homepage of its website or,
10 if a local authority does not have a website, then on the website
11 of a statewide road association of which it is a member:

12 (a) The dates when the seasonal restrictions are in effect.

13 (b) The names of the highways and streets and portions of
14 highways and streets to which the seasonal restrictions apply.

15 (9) The state transportation department for roads under its
16 jurisdiction and a county road commission for roads under its
17 jurisdiction may grant exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions
18 for milk on specified routes when requested in writing. Approval or
19 denial of a request for an exemption shall be given by written
20 notice to the applicant within 30 days after the date of submission
21 of the application. If a request is denied, the written notice
22 shall state the reason for denial and alternate routes for which
23 the permit may be issued. The applicant may appeal to the state
24 transportation commission or the county road commission. These
25 exemptions do not apply on county roads in counties that have
26 negotiated agreements with milk haulers or haulers of other
27 commodities during periods of seasonal load limits before April 14,

1 1993. This subsection does not limit the ability of these counties
2 to continue to negotiate such agreements.

3 (10) The state transportation department, or a local authority
4 with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may suspend the
5 restrictions imposed by this section when and where conditions of
6 the highways or the public health, safety, and welfare warrant
7 suspension, and impose the restricted loading requirements of this
8 section on designated highways at any other time that the
9 conditions of the highway require.

10 (11) For the purpose of enforcing this act, the gross vehicle
11 weight of a single vehicle and load or a combination of vehicles
12 and loads shall be determined by weighing individual axles or
13 groups of axles, and the total weight on all the axles shall be the
14 gross vehicle weight. In addition, the gross axle weight shall be
15 determined by weighing individual axles or by weighing a group of
16 axles and dividing the gross weight of the group of axles by the
17 number of axles in the group. For purposes of subsection (12), the
18 overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more axles shall be
19 determined by weighing individual axles or several axles, and the
20 total weight of all the axles in the group shall be the overall
21 gross weight of the group.

22 (12) The loading maximum in this subsection applies to
23 interstate highways, and the state transportation department, or a
24 local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction,
25 may designate a highway, or a section of a highway, for the
26 operation of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of not more
27 than 80,000 pounds that are subject to the following load maximums:

1 (a) Twenty thousand pounds on any 1 axle, including all
2 enforcement tolerances.

3 (b) A tandem axle weight of 34,000 pounds, including all
4 enforcement tolerances.

5 (c) An overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more
6 consecutive axles equaling:

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$$W=500[(LN)/(N-1)+12N+36]$$

8 where W = overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more
9 consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, L = distance in feet
10 between the extreme of a group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and
11 N = number of axles in the group under consideration; except that 2
12 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of 34,000
13 pounds each if the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
14 tandem axles are not less than 36 feet apart. The gross vehicle
15 weight shall not exceed 80,000 pounds including all enforcement
16 tolerances. Except for 5 axle truck tractor, semitrailer
17 combinations having 2 consecutive sets of tandem axles, vehicles
18 having a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds or in excess of
19 the vehicle gross weight determined by application of the formula
20 in this subsection are subject to the maximum axle loads of
21 subsections (1), (2), and (3). As used in this subsection, "tandem
22 axle weight" means the total weight transmitted to the road by 2 or
23 more consecutive axles, the centers of which may be included
24 between parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more than 40
25 inches but not more than 96 inches apart, extending across the full
26 width of the vehicle. Except as otherwise provided in this section,

1 vehicles transporting agricultural commodities shall have weight
2 load maximums as set forth in this subsection.

3 (13) The axle loading maximums under subsections (1), (2),
4 (3), and (4) are increased by 10% for vehicles transporting
5 agricultural commodities or raw timber, excluding farm equipment
6 and fuel, from the place of harvest or farm storage to the first
7 point of delivery on a road in this state. However, the axle
8 loading maximums as increased under this subsection do not alter
9 the gross vehicle weight restrictions set forth in this act. This
10 subsection does not apply to either of the following:

11 (a) A vehicle utilizing an interstate highway.

12 (b) A vehicle utilizing a road that is subject to seasonal
13 weight restrictions under subsection (8) during the time that the
14 seasonal weight restrictions are in effect.

15 (14) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
16 vehicle that has a gross weight of 80,000 pounds or less and that
17 is operated by an engine that is fueled wholly or partially by
18 compressed or liquefied natural gas may exceed the axle loading
19 maximums under subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) and the weight
20 load maximums under subsection (12) by an amount equal to the
21 difference between the weight of the vehicle attributable to the
22 natural gas tank and fueling system carried by that vehicle and the
23 weight of a comparable diesel tank and fueling system. The amount
24 by which a vehicle described in this subsection may exceed the axle
25 loading maximums under subsections (1), (2), (3), and (4) and the
26 weight load maximums under subsection (12) shall not exceed 2,000
27 pounds.

(15) THE SEASONAL REDUCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8) DO NOT APPLY TO A VEHICLE TRANSPORTING FOREST PRODUCTS OR FOREST OR FOREST HARVESTRY EQUIPMENT ON AN UNPAVED ROAD. WHEN THE SEASONAL REDUCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8) ARE IN EFFECT, A COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE A VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION TO OBTAIN A BOND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000.00 PER MILE FOR EACH MILE OF UNPAVED ROAD UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THAT COUNTY TRAVELED UPON BY THAT VEHICLE. A PERSON TRANSPORTING FOREST PRODUCTS OR FOREST OR FOREST HARVESTRY EQUIPMENT MAY USE A LOWBOY SEMITRAILER TO TRANSPORT EQUIPMENT WHEN THE SEASONAL REDUCTIONS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (8) ARE IN EFFECT.

(16) ~~(15)~~—As used in this section:

(a) "Agricultural commodities" means those plants and animals useful to human beings produced by agriculture and includes, but is not limited to, forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, field crops, dairy and dairy products, poultry and poultry products, cervidae, livestock, including breeding and grazing, equine, fish, and other aquacultural products, bees and bee products, berries, herbs, fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, nursery stock, mushrooms, fertilizer, livestock bedding, farming equipment, fuel for agricultural use, and maple sap. Agricultural commodities ~~do not include trees or~~ **AND** lumber.

(b) "Emergency public utility work" means work performed to restore public utility service or to eliminate a danger to the public due to a natural disaster, an act of God, or an emergency situation, whether or not a public official has declared an emergency.

(c) "Farm storage" means any of the following:

(i) An edifice, silo, tank, bin, crib, interstice, or protected enclosed structure, or more than 1 edifice, silo, tank, bin, crib, interstice, or protected enclosed structure located contiguous to each other.

(ii) An open environment used for the purpose of temporarily storing a crop.

(d) "Public utility" means a public utility under the jurisdiction of the public service commission or a transmission company.

(e) "Public utility vehicle" means a vehicle owned or operated by a public utility or operated by a subcontractor on behalf of a public utility.

(f) "Transmission company" means either an affiliated transmission company or an independent transmission company as those terms are defined in section 2 of the electric transmission line certification act, 1995 PA 30, MCL 460.562.

Sec. 725. (1) Upon receipt of a written application and good cause being shown, a jurisdictional authority may issue a written special permit authorizing an applicant to operate upon or remove from a highway maintained by that jurisdictional authority a vehicle or combination of vehicles that are any of the following:

(a) Of a size, weight, or load exceeding the maximum specified in this chapter.

(b) Otherwise not in conformity with this chapter.

(2) The application for a special permit shall be on a form prescribed by the jurisdictional authority and shall specifically

1 describe the vehicle or vehicles and load to be operated or moved
2 and the particular highways upon which the special permit to
3 operate is requested.

4 (3) A jurisdictional authority may issue a special permit and
5 charge a fee that does not exceed ~~the administrative costs incurred~~
6 **\$25.00** authorizing the operation of the following upon a highway:

7 (a) Traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with
8 transverse corrugations upon the periphery of those movable tracks
9 on farm tractors.

10 (b) Other farm machinery otherwise prohibited under this
11 chapter.

12 (c) A vehicle of a size or weight otherwise prohibited under
13 this chapter that is hauling farm machinery to or from a farm.

14 **(D) A VEHICLE THAT IS DELIVERING NEW OR USED MACHINERY AS PART**
15 **OF A SALE OF THAT MACHINERY. THIS SUBDIVISION APPLIES REGARDLESS OF**
16 **WHETHER THE SEASONAL WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS DESCRIBED IN SECTION**
17 **722(8) ARE APPLICABLE.**

18 (4) A special permit shall specify the trip or trips and date
19 or dates for which it is valid and the jurisdictional authority
20 granting the special permit may restrict or prescribe conditions of
21 operation of a vehicle or vehicles, if necessary, to protect the
22 safety of the public or to ensure against undue damage to the road
23 foundations, surfaces, structures, or installations, and may
24 require a reasonable inspection fee and other security as that
25 jurisdictional authority determines necessary to compensate for
26 damages caused by the movement. A special permit may be issued on
27 an annual basis. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the

1 fee charged by the state transportation department for an
2 intrastate or an out-of-state vehicle for a single trip shall be
3 \$50.00 and for multiple trips or on an annual basis shall be
4 \$100.00. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee
5 charged by the state transportation department for an intrastate or
6 an out-of-state vehicle for a permit issued under subsection (11)
7 shall be \$264.00. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the
8 fee charged by a jurisdictional authority other than the state
9 transportation department for an intrastate or an out-of-state
10 vehicle for a single trip shall be not more than \$50.00 and for
11 multiple trips or on an annual basis shall be not more than
12 \$100.00. Effective October 1, 1998, the fee charged by a
13 jurisdictional authority other than the state transportation
14 department for a special permit under this subsection shall be the
15 fee charged on September 30, 1997. The fee charged by a
16 jurisdictional authority other than the state transportation
17 department for a special permit under this subsection may be
18 increased above the amount charged on September 30, 1997 subject to
19 the maximums allowed by this subsection subject to a prior public
20 hearing with reasonable notice. However, the fee charged by a
21 jurisdictional authority other than the state transportation
22 department for a special permit under this subsection that is more
23 than \$50.00 for a single trip or that is more than \$100.00 for
24 multiple trips or on an annual basis, or both, on September 30,
25 1997 shall not be increased.

26 (5) The fee charged by the state transportation department for
27 an intrastate or an out-of-state vehicle or combination of vehicles

1 that exceed the maximum size specified in this chapter but do not
2 exceed the maximum weight or load specified in this chapter or are
3 otherwise not in conformity with this chapter shall be \$15.00 for a
4 single trip and \$30.00 for multiple trips or on an annual basis.

5 The fee charged by the state transportation department for an
6 intrastate or out-of-state vehicle or combination of vehicles that
7 exceed the maximum size specified in this chapter but do not exceed
8 the maximum weight or load specified in this chapter or are
9 otherwise not in conformity with this chapter for a permit issued
10 under subsection (11) shall be \$264.00. The fees charged under this
11 subsection may be increased not more than once each year based on
12 the percentage increase in the United States ~~consumer price index~~
13 **CONSUMER PRICE INDEX** for all urban consumers for the immediately
14 preceding 12-month period rounded to the nearest whole dollar. This
15 subsection takes effect October 1, 1998.

16 (6) The fee charged by a jurisdictional authority other than
17 the state transportation department for an intrastate or an out-of-
18 state vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size exceeding the
19 maximum specified in this chapter but not exceeding the maximum
20 weight or load specified in this chapter shall not exceed the
21 administrative costs incurred by that jurisdictional authority in
22 issuing the permit. This subsection takes effect October 1, 1998.

23 (7) A special permit issued under this section shall be
24 carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it
25 refers and shall be open to inspection by a police officer or
26 authorized agent of a jurisdictional authority granting the special
27 permit. A person shall not violate any of the terms or conditions

1 of the special permit.

2 (8) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
3 civil infraction.

4 (9) A jurisdictional authority issuing a special permit to
5 move a mobile home under this section and a person who is issued a
6 special permit to move a mobile home under this section are subject
7 to section 719a.

8 (10) Nothing in this section ~~shall be construed to allow~~
9 **ALLOWS** a jurisdictional authority to impose fees upon or enact
10 regulations regarding a vehicle or combination of vehicles engaged
11 in silvicultural operations if the vehicle or combination of
12 vehicles is not in excess of the size, weight, or load maximums
13 specified in this chapter and is otherwise in conformity with this
14 chapter. This subsection does not excuse a vehicle or combination
15 of vehicles engaged in silvicultural operations from the seasonal
16 weight reductions described in section 722.

17 (11) Beginning no later than ~~2 years after the effective date~~
18 ~~of the 2018 amendatory act that added this subsection,~~ **MAY 14,**
19 **2020,** the state transportation department shall allow an applicant
20 to obtain an annual permit for the movement of construction
21 equipment under this section to exceed the size, load, or size and
22 load maximums specified in this chapter for a power unit without
23 requiring a separate permit for each individual piece of equipment
24 carried by that power unit.

25 (12) Beginning no later than ~~2 years after the effective date~~
26 ~~of the 2018 amendatory act that added this subsection,~~ **MAY 14,**
27 **2020,** all of the following apply to an annual permit for the

1 movement of construction equipment issued by the state
2 transportation department under subsection (11):

3 (a) The permit may be stored and presented by the holder of
4 the permit using a mobile device.

5 (b) The permit shall not contain any restrictions on daily
6 operating hours and shall only include Memorial Day weekend, the
7 Fourth of July holiday, and Labor Day weekend as restricted
8 holidays. Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, the
9 permit shall not restrict travel on weekends. The permit may
10 contain restrictions on travel when the permit holder is traveling
11 within a county that has a population greater than 150,000. The
12 restricted holidays described in this subdivision do not apply to a
13 permit issued for a vehicle used to transport an implement of
14 husbandry.

15 (c) The permit shall not require travel of more than 10 miles
16 per hour below the posted speed limit.

17 (13) As used in this section, "jurisdictional authority" means
18 the state transportation department, a county road commission, or a
19 local authority having jurisdiction over a highway upon which a
20 vehicle is proposed to be moved pursuant to a permit required under
21 this section.

22 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
23 after the date it is enacted into law.