



**House  
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**40-TON WEIGHT LIMIT FOR TRUCKS BY 1994**

1000000000  
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House Bill 4093

Sponsor: Rep. Burton Leland

Committee: Transportation

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Complete to 2-17-89

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4093 AS INTRODUCED 2-7-89**

The Michigan Vehicle Code prohibits vehicles from carrying over a specified amount of weight per axle, where a load is allowable only when the vehicle carrying the load has the correct number of axles spaced properly depending on the load's weight. Currently under the act a vehicle cannot have more than eleven axles, and cannot have more than 18,000 pounds resting on any one axle nor more than 160,000 pounds overall, except under special permit. The bill would provide that these provisions would apply until December 31, 1993. Beginning January 1, 1994, no vehicle operated in the state could have a maximum gross vehicle weight that exceeded 80,000 pounds. Also, a vehicle could not exceed 20,000 pounds on one axle, a tandem axle weight of more than 17,000 pounds per axle including all enforcement tolerances, nor an overall gross weight on a group of two or more consecutive axles according to a formula similar to the current formula (although with reduced weight limits) for spacing the load on the axles. This formula would consider the distance in feet between the extreme of a group of two or more consecutive axles, and the number of axles in a group under consideration. Two consecutive sets of tandem axles could carry a gross load of 17,000 pounds per axle (instead of the current limit of 34,000 pounds per axle) if the first and last axles of these were not less than 36 feet apart, and the vehicle's total weight did not exceed 80,000 pounds.

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