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NO TARP REQUIRED FOR CERT. FARM LOADS

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House Bill 4316

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4316 AS INTRODUCED 2-28-89

Public Act 354 of 1988 amended the Michigan Vehicle Code to require all vehicles carrying a load which is not completely enclosed, other than logs or tubular products, to have the load covered with firmly secured canvas or a similar type of covering. The act's provisions, however, do not apply to persons who transport seasonal agricultural commodities during the time of harvest or for farmers who operate their own vehicles in the "normal operation of a farm." The bill would strike the word "seasonal" from this provision, as well as language which makes the provision apply to "farmers operating their own trucks in the normal operation of the farm." The exception would apply to all agricultural commodities that were transported in the "normal operation of a farm" if the farm load, because of its weight, would not fall off a moving vehicle or if the load's center of gravity was at least 6 inches below the top of the vehicle's enclosures.

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