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RAISE TAXES ON HEAVY TRUCKS

House Bill 5175

Sponsor: Rep. Burton Leland Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 5175 AS INTRODUCED 9-26-91

The Michigan Vehicle Code requires the secretary of state to collect a registration tax on motor vehicles. The amount of the tax varies depending on the type and size of the vehicle. For trucks towing a trailer or any other combination of vehicles and for road or truck tractors, the act levies a tax based on a vehicle's elected gross weight. The bill would amend the act to increase the registration tax levied on vehicles over 80,000 pounds as follows:

Elected Gross Wt.(pounds)	Current Fee	New Fee
80,001 to 90,000	\$1,379	\$1,517
90,001 to 100,000	1,540	1,694
100,001 to 115,000	1,710	1,881
115,001 to 130,000	1,883	2,071
130,001 to 145,000	2,054	2,259
145,001 to 160,000	2,226	2,449
over 160,000	2,398	2,638

The bulk of these fees--except for \$15 of each registration, which goes into the Truck Safety Fund--would continue to be credited to the Michigan Transportation Fund to be used for funding various transportation needs throughout the state. (It should be noted that Michigan law currently allows a truck with a special permit to carry up to 164,000 pounds over state highways, based on the number of axles it has and the way in which weight is distributed over them.)

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