

SENATE BILL No. 518

September 25, 1991, Introduced by Senators CARL,
DUNASKISS and O'BRIEN and referred to the
Committee on Transportation and Tourism.

A bill to amend section 2t of Act No. 181 of the Public Acts
of 1963, entitled as amended
"Motor carrier safety act of 1963,"
as added by Act No. 339 of the Public Acts of 1990, being section
480.12t of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Section 2t of Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of
2 1963, as added by Act No. 339 of the Public Acts of 1990, being
3 section 480.12t of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is amended to read
4 as follows:

5 Sec. 2t. (1) A motor vehicle, except truck tractors, pole
6 trailers, vehicles engaged in driveaway-towaway operations, and
7 truck tractors and semitrailer combinations described in
8 subsection (2) that were manufactured after December 31, 1952,
9 that is so constructed that the body or the chassis assembly if

1 without a body has a clearance at the rear end of more than 30
2 inches from the ground when empty, shall be provided with bumpers
3 or devices serving similar purposes which shall be so constructed
4 and located that:

5 (a) The clearance between the effective bottom of the
6 bumpers or devices and the ground shall not exceed 30 inches with
7 the vehicle empty.

8 (b) The maximum distance between the closest points between
9 bumpers or devices, if more than 1 is used, shall not exceed 24
10 inches.

11 (c) The maximum transverse distance from the widest part of
12 the motor vehicle at the rear to bumper or device shall not
13 exceed 18 inches.

14 (d) The bumpers or devices are located not more than 24
15 inches forward of the extreme rear of the vehicle.

16 (e) The bumpers or devices are substantially constructed and
17 firmly attached. Motor vehicles constructed and maintained so
18 that the body chassis or other parts of the vehicle afford the
19 rear end protection contemplated shall be considered to be in
20 compliance with this section.

21 (2) A truck tractor and semitrailer combination with a semi-
22 trailer length longer than 50 feet whose frame or body extends
23 more than 36 inches beyond the rear of its rear axle and is more
24 than 30 inches above the roadway shall not be operated on the
25 highways of this state unless equipped with an underride guard on
26 the extreme rear of the frame or body. The underride guard shall
27 meet ~~all of~~ the following requirements:

1 (a) Provide a continuous horizontal beam having a maximum
2 ground clearance of 22 inches, as measured with the vehicle empty
3 and on level ground.

4 (b) Extend to within 4 inches of the lateral extremities of
5 the trailer on both left and right sides.

6 (3) AN ASPHALT HAULING VEHICLE THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE
7 EQUIPPED WITH AN UNDERRIDE GUARD UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE
8 EXEMPT FROM THAT REQUIREMENT OF THIS SECTION IF THE UNDERRIDE
9 GUARD PREVENTS THE VEHICLE FROM BEING ATTACHED TO AN ASPHALT
10 PAVING MACHINE. AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "ASPHALT HAULING
11 VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE, TRAILER, OR SEMITRAILER SPECIFI-
12 CALLY DESIGNED FOR ATTACHMENT TO ASPHALT PAVING MACHINES AND
13 WHICH IS USED FOR HAULING ASPHALT PAVING MATERIALS.