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TIE-DOWNS ON LOGGING TRUCKS

House Bill 4557

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4557 AS INTRODUCED 3-25-93

The Michigan Vehicle Code generally prohibits someone from driving a vehicle that is so constructed or loaded that its contents escape from the vehicle while it is moving, and requires such vehicles to be safely covered to prevent any release of materials. The act provides that when logs or tubular products are loaded the length of the vehicle (either with metal stakes and sides or with permanent metal "gusseted bunks") the load must be secured, among other things, so that every ten linear feet "and any remaining fraction thereof" has at least one tie down from frame to frame. The bill would delete the phrase "and any remaining fraction thereof"; thus, such products would have to be secured from frame to frame with at least one tie-down every ten linear feet.

The act currently imposes a registration fee on road tractors, trucks or truck tractors owned by wood harvesters that are used exclusively in connection with wood harvesting operations, "and not used for hire," of 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight of the vehicle. The bill would delete the clause "and not used for hire," and specifies that "wood harvester" would include the person or persons who hauled and transported raw materials only from the forest to the mill site. "Wood harvesting operations," however, would not include the transport of processed lumber or the retransport of logs from the initial mill site to another mill site.

MCL 257.720 and MCL 257.801

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