



**House  
Legislative  
Analysis  
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**VEHICLE REG'N. EXEMPTION**

**House Bill 5044 as introduced  
First Analysis (12-5-95)**

**Sponsor: Rep. Vincent J. Porreca  
Committee: Transportation**

***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

A train accident that is reported to have occurred in the state of Pennsylvania apparently prompted that state to adopt a law that temporarily exempts new vehicles being transported from registration and title requirements if the transporting vehicle is involved in an accident. Apparently, the accident prevented the vehicles that were being shipped from arriving at their destination in a timely manner simply because that state required, as Michigan currently does, such vehicles to be titled and registered before they could be driven or moved on public roadways. Because of the large number of new vehicles manufactured and shipped from Michigan on a daily basis, some people think the state should adopt a similar law.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The Michigan Vehicle Code currently specifies that a motor vehicle driven or moved on a roadway in the state is subject to the act's registration and certificate of title provisions, with certain exceptions. The bill would add to the list of vehicles exempt from these provisions a new motor vehicle driven or moved on a roadway from an accident site to a storage location if, while it was being transported by a train or semitrailer, the transporting vehicle had been involved in a disabling accident.

MCL 257.216

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

The House Fiscal Agency says the bill would not affect state or local budget expenditures. (11-22-95)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The vehicle code currently requires that, before a new motor vehicle may be moved on public roadways, it must be registered with the secretary of state and have a certificate of title. The bill would exempt a vehicle from these provisions if it was being shipped by train or a motor carrier and the transporting vehicle was involved in an accident. The bill is patterned after a

similar law adopted in Pennsylvania after a train accident occurred there that inordinately delayed the vehicles being shipped from getting to their destination. Considering that Michigan manufactures more vehicles than any other state, it makes sense to adopt a similar measure here.

***POSITIONS:***

The Department of State has no position on the bill. (12-1-95)

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