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Senate Bill 500 (Substitute S-2 as reported)

Sponsor: Senator Walter H. North Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide that a truck could be used to haul up to four semitrailers in order to transport passengers for sightseeing purposes, with the approval of the local unit of government in which the truck was to be operated. The truck could not be operated more than three miles beyond the boundaries of that local unit, and could not exceed a speed of 25 miles per hour. The truck and semitrailers would have to be equipped with hazard warning letters, and slow-moving vehicle emblems as described in the Code; be equipped with safety belts for each individual seat within one year after the bill's effective date; and meet any applicable Federal safety standards. The truck and semitrailers also would have to be inspected annually by the Department of State Police. A driver of the truck would have to secure the proper group vehicle designation and endorsement required on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license before operating the truck.

The bill would apply notwithstanding provisions of the Code regulating vehicle combinations.

Proposed MCL 257.719c

Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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