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PERMIT EXCEPTIONS FOR WRECKERS

House Bill 4139

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4139 AS INTRODUCED 1-28-97

House Bill 4139 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to exempt wreckers that tow vehicles having special use permits (those that allow non-conformance with the code's size, weight, and load provisions) from being cited for violation of the code's size and weight restrictions, if the trip was 50 miles or shorter, and when the following requirements were met:

(1) the wrecker is equipped with appropriate amber or red lights and is capable of using the lights and brakes of the disabled vehicle(s); and,

(2) the wrecker is providing assistance to the overweight vehicles, whether or not the disabled vehicle or combination of vehicles has a special size and weight permit or does not have one.

In lieu of either of these provisions, the bill also would exempt wreckers when the combination of vehicles it is towing has been issued a special permit for non-conforming vehicles by the appropriate jurisdictional authority (either the state transportation department, a county road commission, or a local authority having jurisdiction over a highway upon which a vehicle proposes to move).

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