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House Bill 5754 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)
Sponsor: Representative Michael Nye
House Committee: Agriculture
Senate Committee: Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to add the transportation of livestock bedding, and the transportation of feed from on-farm storage to an on-farm feeding site, to the uses for which a truck, truck tractor, or road tractor may obtain a special vehicle registration. ("Feed" would mean hay or silage. "Livestock bedding" would mean straw, sawdust, or sand.)

MCL 257.802

Legislative Analyst: L. Arasim

FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminate. Currently, the Michigan Vehicle Code establishes non-farm truck, truck tractor, and road tractor registration fees in proportion to gross vehicle weight. These fees vary from \$378 to \$2,398 (MCL 257.801 (1) (k)). This bill would result in a loss of Michigan Transportation Fund (MTF) revenue if a vehicle that would have paid a registration fee based on gross vehicle weight instead would pay only the \$20 farm vehicle registration fee. However, the total loss in MTF revenue cannot be determined because the number of additional vehicles that would register for special farm status as a result of this proposal is unknown.

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