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CHANGE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINITION

House Bill 4846

Sponsor: Rep. Michael Switalski

Committee: Transportation

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4846 AS INTRODUCED 9-23-99

House Bill 4846 would amend the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1963 to change the definition of "commercial motor vehicle." The definitional change, an increase in gross vehicle weight, would have the effect of exempting more vehicles from the definition for "commercial motor vehicle" found in federal regulations promulgated by the United States Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration, and administered within the state by the Department of State Police.

In the current law, "commercial motor vehicle" is defined to mean a self-propelled or towed vehicle designed or used on public highways to transport passengers or property, except for a bus exempted in subdivision (b), if the vehicle is one or more of the following: has either a gross, gross actual, or gross combination vehicle weight rating of 10,001 or more pounds; is designed for carrying 16 or more passengers (including the driver); or is used in transportation of hazardous materials in a quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded pursuant to parts 100 through 180 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

House Bill 4846 would change the definition by increasing the vehicle weight rating from 10,001 or more pounds, to 26,001 or more pounds.

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