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Senate Bill 581 (as introduced 5-6-99)  
Sponsor: Senator Don Koivisto  
Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit a truck and trailer or a tractor and semitrailer combination hauling pulpwood, unprocessed logs, wood chips, or bark to be operated with a maximum width of up to 108 inches in accordance with a special use permit issued under the Code.

Currently, if a vehicle that is equipped with pneumatic tires is operated on a highway, the maximum width from the outside of one wheel and tire to the outside of the opposite wheel and tire may not exceed 102 inches, and the outside width of the body of the vehicle or the load on it may not exceed 96 inches. The bill would create an exception to this provision.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact of this bill cannot be determined.

Assuming that vehicles hauling lumber or pulpwood would not also be subject to additional overweight or overload restrictions, the special highway use permits would cost approximately \$15 for a single trip and \$30 for multiple trips or on an annual basis, payable to the State Transportation Department, for trips on the State trunkline systems.

The oversized vehicle permit fee charged by local units of government for trips on roads under local jurisdiction may not exceed the administrative costs incurred by that jurisdictional authority issuing the permit. Additional fees would be paid to the State and/or local units of government if oversized vehicles were also subject to overweight or overload restrictions.

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