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House Bill 5669 (Substitute S-1 as reported)  
Sponsor: Representative Mike Green  
House Committee: Transportation  
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to specify that a vehicle registration tax of 74 cents per 100 pounds of empty weight would apply to a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used for hauling livestock or farm equipment from other farmers for remuneration in kind or in labor, but not for money. Currently, this registration tax applies to a road tractor, truck, or truck tractor owned by a farmer and used exclusively in connection with "the farmer's farming operations". Under the bill, the tax would apply to "a farming operation, including..." the activity described above.

Currently, a van that is owned by a person who uses a wheelchair or by a person who transports a resident of his or her household who uses a wheelchair and for which registration plates are issued under Section 803d of the Code, must be assessed at the rate of 50% of the vehicle registration tax. The bill would refer to a "vehicle equipped with a wheelchair lift system", rather than a "van". The owner of a vehicle that was registered at the 50% rate on the bill's effective date could continue to register the vehicle at the 50% rate regardless of whether it had a wheelchair lift system if the vehicle continued to be owned by the same person who owned it on the bill's effective date, the vehicle continued to be owned by a person who used a wheelchair or by a person who transported a household resident who used a wheelchair, and the vehicle had registration plates issued pursuant to Section 803d. (Section 803d provides for the issuance of special registration plates to disabled people and to the owners of vehicles used to transport disabled people residing at the same address.)

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

If the bill resulted in fewer violations of the Michigan Vehicle Code, it would reduce revenues for local libraries.

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