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House Bill 5669 (Substitute H-2 as passed by the House)

Sponsor: Representative Mike Green

House Committee: Transportation

Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

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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. Under the bill, this provision would apply to a vehicle owned by a person who was permanently confined to a wheelchair or by a person who transported a resident of his or her household who was permanently confined to a wheelchair. The bill also specifies that only one registration plate could be issued and assessed at the 50% rate per household. (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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