

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE - FARM IMPLEMENT WIDTH/HEIGHT PERMITS



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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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SENATE BILL 694 AS PASSED BY THE SENATE

Sponsor: Sen. George A. McManus

House Committee: Transportation

COMMITTEE ANALYSIS - 12/9/02

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SUMMARY

Senate Bill 694 would amend Section 725a of the Michigan Vehicle Code to require that the Michigan Department of Transportation issue, upon application, an annual permit authorizing a farm implement dealer to transport on state highways farm machinery of a greater width or height than would normally be authorized under the size, weight, and load limitations of the Code. The Code currently permits ("may issue") but does not require ("shall issue") the department to issue such permits.

The department indicates that the bill, if enacted, could impact the Governor's ability to certify to the Federal Highway Administrator, that the state is in compliance with the size and weight limitations of Section 658 of Title 23 of the Code Federal Regulations (23 CFR). Annual certifications of compliance are required by 23 CFR Section 657, and the state is subject to federal sanctions for non-compliance, including withholding of federal highway funds. The Federal Highway Administration estimates that the amount of the sanction could range from \$65 million to \$100 million per year.