

Fiscal Analysis

MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE – LOG TRUCK/TRAILER



Bill/Sponsor **HOUSE BILL 4154 As Introduced**, Rep. Tom Casperson

House Committee Transportation

Analysis **Summary**
House Bill 4154 would amend Sections 719 and 720 of the Michigan Vehicle Code to increase the permitted length of certain trucks and truck-trailer combinations designed to transport logs.

The bill is similar to one which was introduced at the end of the 2002 session (HB 6468). At that time the Michigan Department of Transportation indicated 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. With regard to HB 6468 of 2002, the Federal Highway Administration estimated that the amount of the sanction could range from \$65 million to \$100 million per year.

House Bill 4154 would include two new subsections not included in HB 6468 (2002). Those subsections indicate that the subsections prescribing the permitted length of a log crib vehicle would not apply if the US Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, determines that the funding sanctions under 23 CFR 657.19 apply. However, the references in the bill (as introduced) to the new subsections do not appear to be correct.

Fiscal Impact

To the extent that the bill is worded to prevent the imposition of federal sanctions, it would appear to have no fiscal impact.

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