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## BILL ANALYSIS

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Senate Bill 779 (as introduced 9-27-05)  
Sponsor: Senator Jud Gilbert, II  
Committee: Transportation

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**CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to eliminate the December 31, 2006, sunset on a weight restriction on a combination of truck tractor and semitrailer with up to five axles used to haul agricultural commodities.**

Currently, on a vehicle described above, two consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross permissible weight of up to 17,000 pounds on any axle of the tandem axles if there is no other axle within nine feet of any axle of the tandem axles and if the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles are at least 36 feet apart and the gross vehicle weight does not exceed 80,000 pounds to pick up and deliver agricultural commodities between the National Truck Network or special designated highways and any other highway. This provision does not apply during periods when reduced maximum loads are in effect under the Code.

For this purpose, "tandem axle" means two axles spaced more than 40 inches but not more than 96 inches apart, or two axles spaced more than three-and-a-half feet but less than nine feet apart.

These provisions will not apply after December 31, 2006, under current law. The bill would delete that sunset.

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**FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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