

HOUSE BILL No. 6604

November 6, 2008, Introduced by Rep. Mayes and referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

A bill to amend 1964 PA 283, entitled
"Weights and measures act,"
(MCL 290.601 to 290.634) by adding section 28d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 28D. (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER
2 SECTION 28C, THE GROSS WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY
3 WEIGHING THE VEHICLE IN A SINGLE MEASUREMENT AND NOT BY ADDING THE
4 RESULTS OF MULTIPLE MEASUREMENTS TAKEN AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE
5 VEHICLE.

6 (2) THE GROSS WEIGHT OF A COMBINATION OF A TRUCK TRACTOR WITH
7 MULTIPLE TRAILERS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY WEIGHING THE COUPLED
8 TRACTOR AND TRAILERS AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (1) AND AS FOLLOWS:

1 (A) THE BRAKES ON THE TRACTOR AND TRAILERS SHALL BE RELEASED.

2 (B) THERE SHALL BE NO TENSION ON THE DRAW BAR.

3 (C) THE APPROACHES TO THE SCALE SHALL BE STRAIGHT AND ON THE
4 SAME LEVEL AS THE SCALE.

5 (D) THE APPROACHES TO THE SCALE SHALL BE OF SUFFICIENT WIDTH
6 AND LENGTH TO ENSURE LEVEL POSITIONING OF THE COUPLED VEHICLES
7 DURING WEIGHING.

8 (3) A SCALE USED TO WEIGH VEHICLES UNDER SUBSECTION (2) SHALL
9 BE TESTED AT LEAST ANNUALLY BY WEIGHING A COUPLED TRACTOR WITH
10 MULTIPLE TRAILERS AS A SINGLE UNIT AND COMPARING THAT WEIGHT WITH
11 THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF EACH VEHICLE WEIGHED SEPARATELY. IF THE
12 WEIGHTS DETERMINED BY THIS METHOD VARY BY MORE THAN 0.2%, THE SCALE
13 SHALL NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE THE GROSS WEIGHT OF VEHICLES WHILE
14 THEY ARE COUPLED UNTIL THE SCALES ARE CORRECTED TO PROPERLY MEASURE
15 WITHIN THE 0.2% RANGE.

16 (4) IF A SCALE CANNOT BE USED TO WEIGH VEHICLES UNDER
17 SUBSECTION (2) WHILE THEY ARE COUPLED, THE VEHICLES SHALL BE
18 WEIGHED INDIVIDUALLY AND THE WEIGHTS TOTALED TO OBTAIN THE GROSS
19 WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE COMBINATION.