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Senate Bill 265 (Substitute S-1 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Tom Casperson
Committee: Transportation

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to create an exception to seasonal weight restrictions for vehicles transporting heating fuel.

The Code prescribes maximum axle loads and gross vehicle weights for various configurations of vehicles. During the months of March, April, and May, the maximum axle load allowable on concrete pavements or pavements with a concrete base must be reduced by 25% from the specified maximum load, and by 35% on all other types of roads. Additionally, the maximum wheel load may not exceed 525 pounds per inch of tire width on concrete and concrete base or 450 pounds per inch of tire width on all other roads while the seasonal road restrictions are in effect.

The Code contains exceptions to the seasonal restrictions for vehicles transporting agricultural commodities and, under certain circumstances, public utility vehicles. The bill also would exempt vehicles delivering heating fuel to a residence.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have an indeterminate impact on the State and local units of government related to future damage to roads.

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