

Legislative Analysis



RENEWAL OF SEASONAL RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL LICENSE

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4577 amends the Michigan Vehicle Code (at MCL 257.312f) to allow the Secretary of State to renew a seasonal restricted vehicle group designation one time per calendar year ***regardless of whether the designation had expired at the time of renewal.***

This refers to a kind of commercial driver license (CDL) issued for seasonal use by certain vehicles in farm-related service industries, as explained below

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

According to the Department of State, a one-year seasonal restricted vehicle group designation CDL is available for agribusiness employees to operate a group B or a group C vehicle only on routes within 150 miles from the place of business to the farm or farms being served, if certain specified conditions are met.

(Group B refers to a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more; a group C vehicle is a vehicle with a GVWR under 26,001 pounds towing another vehicle or trailer, or a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver. The seasonal CDL does not allow a driver to operate school buses or other buses.)

The CDL must be sought each calendar year. Under the Vehicle Code, the seasons for which the designation is issued are from April 2 to June 30 and from September 2 to November 30 only of a 12-month period or, at the option of the applicant, for not more than 180 days from the date of issuance in a 12-month period. Also, the vehicle cannot transport hazardous material (without an additional special endorsement) except for diesel motor fuel in quantities of 1,000 gallons or less, liquid fertilizers in quantities of 3,000 gallons or less, or solid fertilizers not being transported with any organic substance.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would not have a fiscal impact to state or local government.

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