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Senate Bill 595 (as introduced 11-3-15)
Sponsor: Senator Tom Casperson
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Motor Carrier Safety Act to delete a provision that exempts a commercial motor vehicle owned and operated by a unit of government or its employees from the Act and the rules promulgated under the Act, except as otherwise provided by the Act, and except for the following Federal regulations concerning the operation of commercial motor vehicles:

- 49 CFR 383.71(h) (which governs medical certification documentation required by a state).
- 49 CFR Part 382 (which governs controlled substances and alcohol use and testing).
- 49 CFR Parts 391, 392, and 393 (which govern the qualifications of drivers and longer combination vehicle driver instructors, the driving of commercial motor vehicles, and the parts and accessories necessary for safe operation of motor vehicles, respectively).

The Act regulates the operation of commercial motor vehicles, including driver requirements and physical requirements, vehicle use, inspection, and transportation; sets penalties; and makes exemptions.

The bill would take effect 90 days after enactment.

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Legislative Analyst: Drew Krogulecki

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would reduce the cost of local government by an unknown amount, assuming that government-owned commercial motor vehicles are not otherwise subject to the Act. Staff from the Michigan State Police have indicated that the bill would reduce requirements for some drivers of governmental vehicles to the requirements of existing Federal law. The amount of the impact would vary based on the number of drivers and local units affected, current local practices and costs, and whether those practices were continued when no longer required by State law.

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