

Legislative Analysis



TRUCK TRACTOR AND SEMITRAILER LENGTH RESTRICTIONS

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House Bill 4956 as enacted
Public Act 35 of 2018
Sponsor: Rep. Triston Cole
House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
Senate Committee: Transportation
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4956 amends the Michigan Vehicle Code to remove wheelbase length restrictions for certain semitrailers.

Under the Code, certain vehicles and combinations of vehicles are prohibited from operating on a highway in Michigan in excess of statutory vehicle length maximums.

HB 4956 removes from the Code a requirement that, for a semitrailer longer than 50 feet, the wheelbase must be between 37.5 and 40.5 feet, plus or minus half a foot, measured from the kingpin coupling to the center of either the rear axle or the rear axle assembly. (Generally, semitrailers may not exceed 53 feet in length.)

The bill also removes a restriction limiting lowboy semitrailer wheelbase lengths to no more than 55 feet measured from the kingpin coupling to the center of the rear axle.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill has no apparent fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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