

**SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 4644**

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled  
"Michigan vehicle code,"  
by amending section 725 (MCL 257.725), as amended by 2016 PA 454.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

- 1       Sec. 725. (1) Upon receipt of a written application and good  
2 cause being shown, a jurisdictional authority may issue a written  
3 special permit authorizing an applicant to operate upon or remove  
4 from a highway maintained by that jurisdictional authority a  
5 vehicle or combination of vehicles that are any of the following:  
6       (a) Of a size, weight, or load exceeding the maximum specified  
7 in this chapter.  
8       (b) Otherwise not in conformity with this chapter.  
9       (2) The application for a special permit shall be on a form  
10 prescribed by the jurisdictional authority and shall specifically

1 describe the vehicle or vehicles and load to be operated or moved  
2 and the particular highways upon which the special permit to  
3 operate is requested.

4 (3) A jurisdictional authority may issue a special permit and  
5 charge a fee that does not exceed the administrative costs incurred  
6 authorizing the operation of the following upon a highway:

7 (a) Traction engines or tractors having movable tracks with  
8 transverse corrugations upon the periphery of those movable tracks  
9 on farm tractors.

10 (b) Other farm machinery otherwise prohibited under this  
11 chapter.

12 (c) A vehicle of a size or weight otherwise prohibited under  
13 this chapter that is hauling farm machinery to or from a farm.

14 (4) A special permit shall specify the trip or trips and date  
15 or dates for which it is valid and the jurisdictional authority  
16 granting the special permit may restrict or prescribe conditions of  
17 operation of a vehicle or vehicles, if necessary, to protect the  
18 safety of the public or to ensure against undue damage to the road  
19 foundations, surfaces, structures, or installations, and may  
20 require a reasonable inspection fee and other security as that  
21 jurisdictional authority determines necessary to compensate for  
22 damages caused by the movement. A special permit may be issued on  
23 an annual basis. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
24 fee charged by the state transportation department for an  
25 intrastate or an out-of-state vehicle for a single trip shall be  
26 \$50.00 and for multiple trips or on an annual basis shall be  
27 \$100.00. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the fee

1 charged by a jurisdictional authority other than the state  
2 transportation department for an intrastate or an out-of-state  
3 vehicle for a single trip shall be not more than \$50.00 and for  
4 multiple trips or on an annual basis shall be not more than  
5 \$100.00. Effective October 1, 1998, the fee charged by a  
6 jurisdictional authority other than the state transportation  
7 department for a special permit under this subsection shall be the  
8 fee charged on September 30, 1997. The fee charged by a  
9 jurisdictional authority other than the state transportation  
10 department for a special permit under this subsection may be  
11 increased above the amount charged on September 30, 1997 subject to  
12 the maximums allowed by this subsection subject to a prior public  
13 hearing with reasonable notice. However, the fee charged by a  
14 jurisdictional authority other than the state transportation  
15 department for a special permit under this subsection that is more  
16 than \$50.00 for a single trip or that is more than \$100.00 for  
17 multiple trips or on an annual basis, or both, on September 30,  
18 1997 shall not be increased.

19 (5) The fee charged by the state transportation department for  
20 an intrastate or an out-of-state vehicle or combination of vehicles  
21 that exceed the maximum size specified in this chapter but do not  
22 exceed the maximum weight or load specified in this chapter or are  
23 otherwise not in conformity with this chapter shall be \$15.00 for a  
24 single trip and ~~\$30.00~~ **\$264.00** for multiple trips or on an annual  
25 basis. The fees charged under this subsection may be increased not  
26 more than once each year based on the percentage increase in the  
27 United States consumer price index for all urban consumers for the

1 immediately preceding 12-month period rounded to the nearest whole  
2 dollar. This subsection takes effect October 1, 1998.

3 (6) The fee charged by a jurisdictional authority other than  
4 the state transportation department for an intrastate or an out-of-  
5 state vehicle or combination of vehicles of a size exceeding the  
6 maximum specified in this chapter but not exceeding the maximum  
7 weight or load specified in this chapter shall not exceed the  
8 administrative costs incurred by that jurisdictional authority in  
9 issuing the permit. This subsection takes effect October 1, 1998.

10 (7) A special permit issued under this section shall be  
11 carried in the vehicle or combination of vehicles to which it  
12 refers and shall be open to inspection by a police officer or  
13 authorized agent of a jurisdictional authority granting the special  
14 permit. A person shall not violate any of the terms or conditions  
15 of the special permit.

16 (8) A person who violates this section is responsible for a  
17 civil infraction.

18 (9) A jurisdictional authority issuing a special permit to  
19 move a mobile home under this section and a person who is issued a  
20 special permit to move a mobile home under this section are subject  
21 to section 719a.

22 (10) Nothing in this section shall be construed to allow a  
23 jurisdictional authority to impose fees upon or enact regulations  
24 regarding a vehicle or combination of vehicles engaged in  
25 silvicultural operations if the vehicle or combination of vehicles  
26 is not in excess of the size, weight, or load maximums specified in  
27 this chapter and is otherwise in conformity with this chapter. This

subsection does not excuse a vehicle or combination of vehicles engaged in silvicultural operations from the seasonal weight reductions described in section 722.

(11) THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT SHALL ALLOW AN APPLICANT TO OBTAIN AN ANNUAL PERMIT UNDER THIS SECTION TO EXCEED THE SIZE OR LOAD MAXIMUMS SPECIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER FOR A POWER UNIT WITHOUT REQUIRING A SEPARATE PERMIT FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT CARRIED BY THAT POWER UNIT.

(12) ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY TO AN ANNUAL PERMIT ISSUED BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UNDER SUBSECTION (11):

(A) THE PERMIT MAY BE STORED AND PRESENTED BY THE HOLDER OF THE PERMIT USING A MOBILE DEVICE.

(B) THE PERMIT SHALL NOT CONTAIN ANY RESTRICTIONS ON DAILY OPERATING HOURS AND SHALL ONLY INCLUDE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND, THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, AND LABOR DAY WEEKEND AS RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SUBDIVISION, THE PERMIT SHALL NOT RESTRICT TRAVEL ON WEEKENDS. THE PERMIT MAY CONTAIN RESTRICTIONS ON TRAVEL WHEN THE PERMIT HOLDER IS TRAVELING WITHIN A COUNTY THAT HAS A POPULATION GREATER THAN 150,000. THE RESTRICTED HOLIDAYS DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBDIVISION DO NOT APPLY TO A PERMIT ISSUED FOR A VEHICLE USED TO TRANSPORT AN IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY.

(C) THE PERMIT SHALL NOT REQUIRE TRAVEL OF MORE THAN 10 MILES PER HOUR BELOW THE POSTED SPEED LIMIT.

(13) ~~(11)~~As used in this section, "jurisdictional authority" means the state transportation department, a county road commission, or a local authority having jurisdiction over a highway

1 upon which a vehicle is proposed to be moved pursuant to a permit  
2 required under this section.

3 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 1 year  
4 after the date it is enacted into law.