

Legislative Analysis



INTRASTATE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS IN A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

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House Bill 4426 as reported from committee
Sponsor: Rep. Ken Borton
Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure
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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4426 would eliminate the current requirement that an individual be at least 21 years old to transport hazardous materials (“hazmat”), in an amount that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded under federal regulations, in a commercial motor vehicle in Michigan.¹

Under the bill, an individual 18 or over could, with the proper training and endorsements, operate a commercial vehicle transporting hazardous materials. However, this would apply only to hazmat transportation entirely within Michigan. Under federal law, an individual must be at least 21 years old to operate a commercial motor vehicle across state lines, regardless of what is being transported.²

MCL 480.12d

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

POSITIONS:

A representative of the Michigan Propane Gas Association testified in support of the bill.
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The Michigan Trucking Association indicated support for the bill.

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¹ <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-I>

² <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/subtitle-B/chapter-III/subchapter-B/part-391/subpart-B/section-391.11>

Although a pilot program has been established for individuals 18 to 20 to operate commercial vehicles in interstate commerce, these drivers cannot transport hazardous materials under the program. <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sdap>