

HOUSE BILL No. 4257

February 26, 2015, Introduced by Reps. Lane, Yanez, Cochran, Faris, Durhal, Love, Hovey-Wright, Derek Miller, Zemke, Pagan, LaVoy, Forlini and Kosowski and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code," by amending sections 719 and 722 (MCL 257.719 and 257.722), section 719 as amended by 2012 PA 282 and section 722 as amended by 2012 PA 522.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 719. (1) A vehicle unloaded or with load shall not
2 exceed a height of 13 feet 6 inches. The owner of a vehicle that
3 collides with a lawfully established bridge or viaduct is liable
4 for all damage and injury resulting from a collision caused by
5 the height of the vehicle, whether the clearance of the bridge or
6 viaduct is posted or not.

7 (2) Lengths described in this subsection shall be known as
8 the normal length maximum. Except as provided in subsection (3),
9 the following vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall not be

1 operated on a highway in this state in excess of these lengths:

2 (a) Subject to subsection (8), any single vehicle: 40 feet;
3 a crib vehicle on which logs are loaded lengthwise of the
4 vehicle: 42.5 feet; any single bus or motor home: 45 feet.

5 (b) Articulated buses: 65 feet.

6 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
7 combination of a truck and semitrailer or trailer, or a truck
8 tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and
9 semitrailer or trailer, designed and used exclusively to
10 transport assembled motor vehicles or bodies, recreational
11 vehicles, or boats: 65 feet. A combination of a truck and
12 semitrailer or trailer, or a truck tractor, semitrailer, and
13 trailer, or a truck tractor and semitrailer or trailer designed
14 and used to transport boats from the manufacturer, or a stinger-
15 steered combination: 75 feet. The load on the combinations of
16 vehicles described in this subdivision may extend an additional 3
17 feet beyond the front and 4 feet beyond the rear of the
18 combinations of vehicles. Retractable extensions used to support
19 and secure the load that do not extend beyond the allowable
20 overhang for the front and rear shall not be included in
21 determining length of a loaded vehicle or vehicle combination.

22 (d) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall
23 length, the semitrailer: 50 feet.

24 (e) Truck and semitrailer or trailer: 59 feet.

25 (f) Except as provided in subdivision (g), truck tractor,
26 semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and 2 semitrailers: 59
27 feet.

1 (g) A truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or a truck
2 tractor and 2 semitrailers, in which no semitrailer or trailer is
3 more than 28-1/2 feet long: 65 feet. This subdivision only
4 applies while the vehicle is being used for a business purpose
5 reasonably related to picking up or delivering a load and only if
6 each semitrailer or trailer is equipped with a device or system
7 capable of mechanically dumping construction materials or dumping
8 construction materials by force of gravity.

9 (h) More than 1 motor vehicle, wholly or partially
10 assembled, in combination, utilizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts
11 with full mount mechanisms and utilizing the motive power of 1 of
12 the vehicles in combination: 55 feet.

13 (i) A recreational vehicle that has its own motive power, in
14 combination with a trailer: 65 feet or, if the operator of the
15 recreational vehicle has a group commercial motor vehicle
16 designation on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license, 75
17 feet.

18 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the following vehicles
19 and combinations of vehicles shall not be operated on a
20 designated highway of this state in excess of these lengths:

21 (a) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall
22 length limit, the semitrailer 53 feet. All semitrailers longer
23 than 50 feet shall have a wheelbase of 37.5 to 40.5 feet plus or
24 minus 0.5 feet, measured from the kingpin coupling to the center
25 of the rear axle or the center of the rear axle assembly. City,
26 village, or county authorities may prohibit stops of vehicles
27 with a semitrailer longer than 50 feet within their jurisdiction

1 unless the stop occurs along appropriately designated routes, or
2 is necessary for emergency purposes or to reach shippers,
3 receivers, warehouses, and terminals along designated routes.

4 (b) Truck and semitrailer or trailer combinations: 65 feet,
5 except that a person may operate a truck and semitrailer or
6 trailer designed and used to transport saw logs, pulpwood, and
7 tree length poles that does not exceed an overall length of 70
8 feet or a crib vehicle and semitrailer or trailer designed and
9 used to transport saw logs that does not exceed an overall length
10 of 75 feet. A crib vehicle and semitrailer or trailer designed to
11 and used to transport saw logs shall not exceed a gross vehicle
12 weight of ~~164,000~~ 80,000 pounds. A person may operate a truck
13 tractor and semitrailer designed and used to transport saw logs,
14 pulpwood, and tree length wooden poles with a load overhang to
15 the rear of the semitrailer ~~which~~ **THAT** does not exceed 6 feet if
16 the semitrailer does not exceed 50 feet in length.

17 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (4)(d), a truck tractor with
18 a log slasher unit and a log saw unit: no overall limit if the
19 length of each unit does not exceed 28-1/2 feet, or the overall
20 length of the log slasher unit and the log saw unit, as measured
21 from the front of the first towed unit to the rear of the second
22 towed unit while the units are coupled together, does not exceed
23 58 feet. The coupling devices of the truck tractor and units set
24 forth in this subdivision shall meet the requirements established
25 under the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181, MCL
26 480.11 to 480.25.

27 (d) Truck tractor and 2 semitrailers, or truck tractor,

1 semitrailer, and trailer combinations: no overall length limit,
2 if the length of each semitrailer or trailer does not exceed 28-
3 1/2 feet each, or the overall length of the semitrailer and
4 trailer, or 2 semitrailers as measured from the front of the
5 first towed unit to the rear of the second towed unit while the
6 units are coupled together does not exceed 58 feet.

7 (e) More than 1 motor vehicle, wholly or partially
8 assembled, in combination, utilizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts
9 with full mount mechanisms and utilizing the motive power of 1 of
10 the vehicles in combination: 75 feet.

11 (f) Truck tractor and lowboy semitrailer combinations: no
12 maximum overall length, if the lowboy semitrailer does not exceed
13 59 feet, except as otherwise permitted under this subdivision. A
14 lowboy semitrailer wheelbase shall not exceed 55 feet as measured
15 from the kingpin coupling to the center of the rear axle. A
16 lowboy semitrailer more than 59 feet in length shall not operate
17 with more than any combination of 4 axles on the lowboy unless an
18 oversized load permit is issued by the state transportation
19 department or a local authority with respect to highways under
20 its jurisdiction. As used in this subdivision, "lowboy
21 semitrailer" means a flatbed semitrailer with a depressed section
22 that has the specific purpose of being lowered and raised for
23 loading and unloading.

24 (4) The following combinations and movements are prohibited:

25 (a) A truck shall not haul more than 1 trailer or
26 semitrailer, and a truck tractor shall not haul more than 2
27 semitrailers or 1 semitrailer and 1 trailer in combination at any

1 1 time, except that a farm tractor may haul 2 wagons or trailers,
2 or garbage and refuse haulers may, during daylight hours, haul up
3 to 4 trailers for garbage and refuse collection purposes, not
4 exceeding in any combination a total length of 55 feet and at a
5 speed limit not to exceed 15 miles per hour.

6 (b) A combination of vehicles or a vehicle shall not have
7 more than 11 axles, except when operating under a valid permit
8 issued by the state transportation department or a local
9 authority with respect to a highway under its jurisdiction.

10 (c) Any combination of vehicles not specifically authorized
11 under this section is prohibited.

12 (d) Except as provided in subsection (3)(c), a combination
13 of 2 semitrailers pulled by a truck tractor, unless each
14 semitrailer uses a fifth wheel connecting assembly that conforms
15 to the requirements of the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963
16 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

17 (e) A vehicle or a combination of vehicles shall not carry a
18 load extending more than 3 feet beyond the front of the lead
19 vehicle.

20 (f) A vehicle described in subsections (2)(e) and (3)(e)
21 employing triple saddle mounts unless all wheels that are in
22 contact with the roadway have operating brakes.

23 (5) All combinations of vehicles under this section shall
24 employ connecting assemblies and lighting devices that are in
25 compliance with the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA
26 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

27 (6) The total gross weight of a truck tractor, semitrailer,

1 and trailer combination or a truck tractor and 2 semitrailers
2 combination that exceeds 59 feet in length shall not exceed a
3 ratio of 400 pounds per engine net horsepower delivered to clutch
4 or its equivalent specified in the handbook published by the
5 society of automotive engineers, inc. (SAE), 1977 edition.

6 (7) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
7 civil infraction. The owner of the vehicle may be charged with a
8 violation of this section.

9 (8) The provisions in subsections (2)(a) and (3)(b)
10 prescribing the length of a crib vehicle on which logs are loaded
11 lengthwise do not apply unless 23 USC 127(d) is amended to allow
12 crib vehicles carrying logs to be loaded as described in this
13 section.

14 (9) As used in this section:

15 (a) "Designated highway" means a highway approved by the
16 state transportation department or a local authority with respect
17 to a highway under its jurisdiction.

18 (b) "Length" means the total length of a vehicle, or
19 combination of vehicles, including any load the vehicle is
20 carrying. Length does not include devices described in 23 CFR
21 658.16 and 23 CFR part 658, appendix d. —23 CFR 658.16 and 23
22 CFR part 658, appendix d, as on file with the secretary of state,
23 are adopted by reference. A safety or energy conservation device
24 shall be excluded from a determination of length only if it is
25 not designed or used for the carrying of cargo, freight, or
26 equipment. Semitrailers and trailers shall be measured from the
27 front vertical plane of the foremost transverse load supporting

1 structure to the rearmost transverse load supporting structure.
2 Vehicle components not excluded by law shall be included in the
3 measurement of the length, height, and width of the vehicle.

4 (c) "Stinger-steered combinations" means a truck tractor and
5 semitrailer combination in which the fifth wheel is located on a
6 drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the
7 power unit.

8 Sec. 722. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
9 the maximum axle load shall not exceed the number of pounds
10 designated in the following provisions that prescribe the
11 distance between axles:

12 (a) If the axle spacing is 9 feet or more between axles, the
13 maximum axle load shall not exceed 18,000 pounds for vehicles
14 equipped with high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

15 (b) If the axle spacing is less than 9 feet between 2 axles
16 but more than 3-1/2 feet, the maximum axle load shall not exceed
17 13,000 pounds for high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

18 (c) If the axles are spaced less than 3-1/2 feet apart, the
19 maximum axle load shall not exceed 9,000 pounds per axle.

20 (d) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) shall be known as the
21 normal loading maximum.

22 (2) When normal loading is in effect, the state
23 transportation department, or a local authority with respect to
24 highways under its jurisdiction, may designate certain highways ~~7~~
25 or sections of those highways, where bridges and road surfaces
26 are adequate for heavier loading, and revise a designation as
27 needed, on which the maximum tandem axle assembly loading shall

1 not exceed 16,000 pounds for any axle of the assembly, if there
2 is no other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the assembly.

3 (3) On a legal combination of vehicles, only 1 tandem axle
4 assembly is permitted on the designated highways at the gross
5 permissible weight of 16,000 pounds per axle, if there is no
6 other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the assembly, and if no
7 other tandem axle assembly in the combination of vehicles exceeds
8 a gross weight of 13,000 pounds per axle. On a combination of
9 truck tractor and semitrailer having not more than 5 axles, 2
10 consecutive tandem axle assemblies are permitted on the
11 designated highways at a gross permissible weight of 16,000
12 pounds per axle, if there is no other axle within 9 feet of any
13 axle of the assembly.

14 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), on a combination of
15 truck tractor and semitrailer having not more than 5 axles, 2
16 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross permissible
17 weight of not to exceed 17,000 pounds on any axle of the tandem
18 axles if there is no other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the
19 tandem axles and if the first and last axles of the consecutive
20 sets of tandem axles are not less than 36 feet apart and the
21 gross vehicle weight does not exceed 80,000 pounds to pick up and
22 deliver agricultural commodities between the national truck
23 network or special designated highways and any other highway.
24 This subsection is not subject to the maximum axle loads of
25 subsections (1), (2), and (3). For purposes of this subsection, a
26 "tandem axle" means 2 axles spaced more than 40 inches but not
27 more than 96 inches apart or 2 axles spaced more than 3-1/2 feet

1 but less than 9 feet apart. This subsection does not apply during
2 ~~that~~ **THE** period when reduced maximum loads are in effect under
3 subsection (8).

4 (5) The seasonal reductions described under subsection (8)
5 to the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirement of
6 subsection (12) do not apply to a person hauling agricultural
7 commodities if the person who picks up or delivers the
8 agricultural commodity either from a farm or to a farm notifies
9 the county road commission for roads under its authority not less
10 than 48 hours before the pickup or delivery of the time and
11 location of the pickup or delivery. The county road commission
12 shall issue a permit to the person and charge a fee that does not
13 exceed the administrative costs incurred. The permit shall
14 contain all of the following:

15 (a) The designated route or routes of travel for the load.

16 (b) The date and time period requested by the person who
17 picks up or delivers the agricultural commodities during which
18 the load may be delivered or picked up.

19 (c) A maximum speed limit of travel, if necessary.

20 (d) Any other specific conditions agreed to between the
21 parties.

22 (6) The seasonal reductions described under subsection (8)
23 to the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirements of
24 subsection (12) do not apply to public utility vehicles under the
25 following circumstances:

26 (a) For emergency public utility work on restricted roads,
27 as follows:

1 (i) If required by the county road commission, the public
2 utility or its subcontractor shall notify the county road
3 commission, as soon as practical, of the location of the
4 emergency public utility work and provide a statement that the
5 vehicles that were used to perform the emergency utility work may
6 have exceeded the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight
7 requirements of subsection (12) as reduced under subsection (8).
8 The notification may be made via facsimile or electronically.

9 (ii) The public utility vehicle travels to and from the site
10 of the emergency public utility work while on a restricted road
11 at a speed not greater than 35 miles per hour.

12 (b) For nonemergency public utility work on restricted
13 roads, as follows:

14 (i) If the county road commission requires, the public
15 utility or its subcontractor shall apply to the county road
16 commission annually for a seasonal truck permit for roads under
17 its authority before seasonal weight restrictions are effective.
18 The county road commission shall issue a seasonal truck permit
19 for each public utility vehicle or vehicle configuration the
20 public utility or subcontractor anticipates will be utilized for
21 nonemergency public utility work. The county road commission may
22 charge a fee for a seasonal truck permit that does not exceed the
23 administrative costs incurred for the permit. The seasonal truck
24 permit shall contain all of the following:

25 (A) The seasonal period requested by the public utility or
26 subcontractor during which the permit is valid.

27 (B) A unique identification number for the vehicle and any

1 vehicle configuration to be covered on the seasonal truck permit
2 requested by the public utility or subcontractor.

3 (C) A requirement that travel on restricted roads during
4 weight restrictions will be minimized and only utilized when
5 necessary to perform public utility work using the public utility
6 vehicle or vehicle configuration and that nonrestricted roads
7 shall be used for travel when available and for routine travel.

8 (D) A requirement that in the case of a subcontractor the
9 permit is only valid while the subcontractor vehicle is being
10 operated in the performance of public utility work.

11 (E) A requirement that a subcontractor vehicle or vehicle
12 configuration ~~shall~~ display signage on the outside of the vehicle
13 to identify the vehicle as operating on behalf of the public
14 utility.

15 (ii) If the county road commission requires notification, the
16 county road commission shall provide a notification application
17 for the public utility or its subcontractor to use when
18 requesting access to operate on restricted roads and the public
19 utility or its subcontractor shall ~~provide notification to~~ **NOTIFY**
20 the county road commission, via facsimile or electronically, not
21 later than 24 hours before the time of the intended travel. A
22 subcontractor using a vehicle on a restricted road shall have a
23 copy of any notification provided to a county road commission in
24 the subcontractor's possession while performing the relevant
25 nonemergency work. Notwithstanding this subsection or an
26 agreement under this subsection, if the county road commission
27 determines that the condition of a particular road under its

1 jurisdiction makes it unusable, the county road commission may
2 deny access to all or any part of that road. The denial shall be
3 made and communicated via facsimile or electronically to the
4 public utility or its subcontractor within 24 hours after
5 receiving notification that the public utility or subcontractors
6 intends to perform nonemergency work that requires use of that
7 road. Any notification that is not disapproved within 24 hours
8 after the notice is received by the county road commission is
9 considered approved. The notification application required under
10 this subparagraph may include all of the following information:

11 (A) The address or location of the nonemergency work.

12 (B) The date or dates of the nonemergency work.

13 (C) The route to be taken to the nonemergency work site.

14 (D) The restricted road or roads intended to be traveled
15 upon to the nonemergency work site or sites.

16 (E) In the case of a subcontractor, the utility on whose
17 behalf the subcontractor is performing services.

18 (7) The normal size of tires shall be the rated size as
19 published by the manufacturers, and the maximum wheel load
20 permissible for any wheel shall not exceed 700 pounds per inch of
21 width of tire.

22 (8) Except as provided in this subsection and subsection

23 (9), during the months of March, April, and May in each year, the
24 maximum axle load allowable on concrete pavements or pavements
25 with a concrete base is reduced by 25% from the maximum axle load
26 as specified in this chapter, and the maximum axle loads
27 allowable on all other types of roads during these months are

1 reduced by 35% from the maximum axle loads as specified. The
2 maximum wheel load shall not exceed 525 pounds per inch of tire
3 width on concrete and concrete base or 450 pounds per inch of
4 tire width on all other roads during the period the seasonal road
5 restrictions are in effect. Subject to subsection (5), this
6 subsection does not apply to vehicles transporting agricultural
7 commodities or, subject to subsection (6), public utility
8 vehicles on a highway, road, or street under the jurisdiction of
9 a local road agency. In addition, this subsection does not apply
10 to a vehicle delivering propane fuel to a residence if the
11 vehicle's propane tank is filled to not more than 50% of its
12 capacity and the vehicle is traveling at not more than 35 miles
13 per hour. The state transportation department and each local
14 authority with highways and streets under its jurisdiction to
15 which the seasonal restrictions prescribed under this subsection
16 apply shall post all of the following information on the homepage
17 of its website or, if a local authority does not have a website,
18 then on the website of a statewide road association of which it
19 is a member:

20 (a) The dates when the seasonal restrictions are in effect.

21 (b) The names of the highways and streets and portions of
22 highways and streets to which the seasonal restrictions apply.

23 (9) The state transportation department for roads under its
24 jurisdiction and a county road commission for roads under its
25 jurisdiction may grant exemptions from seasonal weight
26 restrictions for milk on specified routes when requested in
27 writing. ~~Approval~~ **THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OR COUNTY**

1 **ROAD COMMISSION SHALL GIVE WRITTEN NOTICE OF APPROVAL** or denial
2 of a request for an exemption ~~shall be given by written notice to~~
3 the applicant within 30 days after the date of submission of the
4 application. If a request is denied, the written notice shall
5 state the reason for denial and alternate routes for which the
6 permit may be issued. The applicant may appeal to the state
7 transportation commission or the county road commission. These
8 exemptions do not apply on county roads in counties that have
9 negotiated agreements with milk haulers or haulers of other
10 commodities during periods of seasonal load limits before April
11 14, 1993. This subsection does not limit the ability of these
12 counties to continue to negotiate such agreements.

13 (10) The state transportation department, or a local
14 authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may
15 suspend the restrictions imposed by this section when and where
16 conditions of the highways or the public health, safety, and
17 welfare warrant suspension, and impose the restricted loading
18 requirements of this section on designated highways at any other
19 time that the conditions of the highway require.

20 (11) For the purpose of enforcing this act, the gross
21 vehicle weight of a single vehicle and load or a combination of
22 vehicles and loads shall be determined by weighing individual
23 axles or groups of axles, and the total weight on all the axles
24 shall be the gross vehicle weight. In addition, the gross axle
25 weight shall be determined by weighing individual axles or by
26 weighing a group of axles and dividing the gross weight of the
27 group of axles by the number of axles in the group. For purposes

1 of subsection (12), the overall gross weight on a group of 2 or
2 more axles shall be determined by weighing individual axles or
3 several axles, and the total weight of all the axles in the group
4 shall be the overall gross weight of the group.

5 (12) The loading maximum in this subsection applies to
6 interstate highways, and the state transportation department, or
7 a local authority with respect to highways under its
8 jurisdiction, may designate a highway, or a section of a highway,
9 for the operation of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of
10 not more than 80,000 pounds that are subject to the following
11 load maximums:

12 (a) Twenty thousand pounds on any 1 axle, including all
13 enforcement tolerances.

14 (b) A tandem axle weight of 34,000 pounds, including all
15 enforcement tolerances.

16 (c) An overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more
17 consecutive axles equaling:

18
$$W=500[(LN)/(N-1)+12N+36]$$

19 where W = overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more
20 consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, L = distance in feet
21 between the extreme of a group of 2 or more consecutive axles,
22 and N = number of axles in the group under consideration; except
23 that 2 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of
24 34,000 pounds each if the first and last axles of the consecutive
25 sets of tandem axles are not less than 36 feet apart. The gross

1 vehicle weight shall not exceed 80,000 pounds including all
2 enforcement tolerances. Except for 5 axle truck tractor,
3 semitrailer combinations having 2 consecutive sets of tandem
4 axles, vehicles having a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds
5 or in excess of the vehicle gross weight determined by
6 application of the formula in this subsection are subject to the
7 maximum axle loads of subsections (1), (2), and (3). **EXCEPT AS**
8 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, VEHICLES TRANSPORTING**
9 **AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES SHALL HAVE WEIGHT LOAD MAXIMUMS AS SET**
10 **FORTH IN THIS SUBSECTION.** As used in this subsection, "tandem
11 axle weight" means the total weight transmitted to the road by 2
12 or more consecutive axles, the centers of which may be included
13 between parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more than 40
14 inches but not more than 96 inches apart, extending across the
15 full width of the vehicle. ~~Except as otherwise provided in this~~
16 ~~section, vehicles transporting agricultural commodities shall~~
17 ~~have weight load maximums as set forth in this subsection.~~

18 (13) The axle loading maximums under subsections (1), (2),
19 (3), and (4) are increased by 10% for vehicles transporting
20 agricultural commodities or raw timber, excluding farm equipment
21 and fuel, from the place of harvest or farm storage to the first
22 point of delivery on a road in this state. However, the axle
23 loading maximums as increased under this subsection do not alter
24 the gross vehicle weight restrictions set forth in this act. This
25 subsection does not apply to either of the following:

- 26 (a) A vehicle utilizing an interstate highway.
27 (b) A vehicle utilizing a road that is subject to seasonal

1 weight restrictions under subsection (8) during the time that the
2 seasonal weight restrictions are in effect.

3 **(14) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION,**
4 **THE TOTAL GROSS WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE SHALL NOT EXCEED 80,000**
5 **POUNDS.**

6 **(15)** ~~(14)~~—As used in this section:

7 (a) "Agricultural commodities" means those plants and
8 animals useful to human beings produced by agriculture and
9 includes, but is not limited to, forages and sod crops, grains
10 and feed crops, field crops, dairy and dairy products, poultry
11 and poultry products, cervidae, livestock, including breeding and
12 grazing, equine, fish, and other aquacultural products, bees and
13 bee products, berries, herbs, fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds,
14 grasses, nursery stock, mushrooms, fertilizer, livestock bedding,
15 farming equipment, and fuel for agricultural use. The term does
16 not include trees or lumber.

17 (b) "Emergency public utility work" means work performed to
18 restore public utility service or to eliminate a danger to the
19 public due to a natural disaster, an act of God, or an emergency
20 situation, whether or not a public official has declared an
21 emergency.

22 (c) "Farm storage" means any of the following:

23 (i) An edifice, silo, tank, bin, crib, interstice, or
24 protected enclosed structure, or more than 1 edifice, silo, tank,
25 bin, crib, interstice, or protected enclosed structure located
26 contiguous to each other.

27 (ii) An open environment used for the purpose of temporarily

1 storing a crop.

2 (d) "Public utility" means a public utility under the
3 jurisdiction of the public service commission or a transmission
4 company.

5 (e) "Public utility vehicle" means a vehicle owned or
6 operated by a public utility or operated by a subcontractor on
7 behalf of a public utility.

8 (f) "Transmission company" means either an affiliated
9 transmission company or an independent transmission company as
10 those terms are defined in section 2 of the electric transmission
11 line certification act, 1995 PA 30, MCL 460.562.