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Senate Bill 274 (as introduced 4-16-45)
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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to increase the maximum allowable length of certain vehicle combinations using a tow bar or saddle mounts on a designated highway.

The Code prohibits operation on a Michigan highway of vehicles and vehicle combinations that exceed prescribed "normal length maximums". For more than one motor vehicle, wholly or partially assembled, in combination, using one tow bar or three saddle mounts with full mount mechanisms and using the motive power of one of the vehicles in combination, the normal length maximum is 55 feet.

The Michigan Department of Transportation or a local authority, however, may designate a highway under its jurisdiction to allow the operation of vehicles that exceed the normal maximum length prescribed in the Code. On a designated highway, the maximum allowable length of a vehicle combination described above is 75 feet. The bill would increase the maximum length to 97 feet.

The bill would take effect 90 days after it was enacted.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill could decrease civil infraction fine revenue, which is dedicated to public libraries under the Vehicle Code. To the extent that vehicles are currently fined for having a length greater than 75 feet, but not greater than 97 feet, these vehicles would no longer be subject to a civil infraction penalty.

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