

Legislative Analysis



EXEMPT WRECKERS FROM SPRING AXLE WEIGHT REDUCTIONS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES

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Senate Bill 640 as passed by the Senate
Sponsor: Sen. Dale Zorn
House Committee: Transportation
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SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 640 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to exempt a *wrecker* that is towing a disabled vehicle, or that is traveling to or from the location of a disabled vehicle for the purpose of towing or servicing the disabled vehicle, from seasonal reductions in maximum axle weights under the code.

Wrecker means a truck with a hoist, towing apparatus, or self-loading flatbed, or any combination of these items, permanently affixed to the truck, used to transport up to two vehicles, but it does not include a motor vehicle equipped with a fifth wheel or a motor vehicle that tows the second vehicle on a trailer.

Under the code, with some exceptions, the maximum axle load allowable during the months of March, April, and May on concrete pavement is reduced by 25% and reduced on other types of roads by 35%. The bill would exempt wreckers, under the circumstances described above, from those seasonal reductions.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

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