

Legislative Analysis



EXEMPT WRECKERS FROM WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS

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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 section 722 of 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 loads specified under the code and from certain gross vehicle weight requirements on interstate and designated highways.

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 section 722, 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%. Section 722 also allows the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) or a local authority, relative to highways under their respective jurisdictions, to designate a highway or a section of it for the operation of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of up to 80,000 pounds, subject to load maximums specified in the code.

The bill would exempt wreckers, under the circumstances described above, from those seasonal reductions, loading maximums, and gross vehicle weight requirements.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

A fiscal analysis is in progress.

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