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**EFFECTIVE DATE OF MOTOR CARRIER FEES**

House Bill 5676 as enrolled  
Third Analysis (1-19-89)

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***THE APPARENT PROBLEM:***

Public Act 347 of 1988 increased from \$50 to \$100 the annual fee that motor carriers are required to pay for each vehicle registered in Michigan and operated in interstate commerce. Further, the act required the Public Service Commission to implement a new system of registration for out-of-state carriers by January 1, 1989. However, since the act did not become law until October 25, 1988, the Public Service Commission has only two months (from November to January) to perform the lengthy preparation needed to implement the bill. The Public Service Commission has requested that the legislature extend the time allowed for implementing the act.

***THE CONTENT OF THE BILL:***

The bill would change the effective date of Public Act 347 from January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1990.

***FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:***

According to the Public Service Commission, the fiscal implications of the bill for the state cannot be determined. (1-20-89)

***ARGUMENTS:***

***For:***

The Public Service Commission would be required to perform several tasks before it could implement Public Act 347 of 1988, including notification of motor carriers throughout the U.S. and Canada of the act's requirements, establishment of forms and registration stickers and accounts necessary to implement the expanded program, refunding of fees that do not correspond to provisions of the new law, and conducting approximately 40,000 transactions to register an additional 400,000 vehicles affected by the legislation. Realistically, all of these tasks could not be accomplished within two months. Further, funds have not been appropriated for the completion of the tasks, and the commission's budget does not include funds for the administration of the act. The bill will address the time constraints and funding problems posed by Public Act 347 by extending the effective date of the act from January 1, 1989 to January 1, 1990.

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