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BILL ANALYSIS



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House Bill 5216 (as discharged)
Sponsor: Representative Eric Bush
House Committee: Transportation
Senate Committee: Transportation and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to do the following:

- Rewrite current vehicle height, length, and combination restrictions, and provide that any combination of vehicles not specifically authorized would be prohibited.
- Revise provisions governing the transport of flammable liquid.
- Specify that commercial motor vehicles transporting hazardous materials would have to comply with the Motor Carrier Safety Act.
- Require vehicles carrying hazardous materials to stop at least 10, rather than 15, feet from railroad tracks.
- Provide that a stop could not be made at an industrial or spur line railroad grade crossing marked with a sign reading "exempt", which could be erected only by or with the consent of the State Transportation Department after notice to and an opportunity to be heard by railroads operating over that line.
- Repeal a section concerning compliance with rules promulgated under other laws.

MCL 257.699 et al.

Legislative Analyst: S. Margules

FISCAL IMPACT

By bringing the State into compliance with Federal regulations, Senate Bills 5215 (H-1) and 5216 would protect the State's receipt of Federal funding.

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