

# Legislative Analysis

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## **TORT LIABILITY; ANHYDROUS AMONIA THEFT**

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**House Bill 4108**

**Sponsor: Rep. Jeff Mayes**

**Committee: Agriculture**

**Complete to 3-21-05**

## **A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4108 AS INTRODUCED 2-1-05**

The bill would amend the Revised Judicature Act to exempt a person who stores anhydrous ammonia in a protected manner for agricultural purposes from liability for personal injury (including death) or property damage resulting from the theft of the anhydrous ammonia.

The phrase "in a protected manner" would mean either 1) in a tank that is properly equipped with a functioning tank or valve lock; or 2) with a substance added to the anhydrous ammonia containing a dye that will stain objects it comes in contact with, including skin and clothing, in a highly visible manner.

MCL 600.2975 and 2976

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state.

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