

SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL NO. 6604

(As amended, December 4, 2008)

A bill to amend 1964 PA 283, entitled
"Weights and measures act,"
(MCL 290.601 to 290.634) by adding section 28d.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 SEC. 28D. <<(1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED UNDER
2 SECTION 28C, THE GROSS WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE SHALL BE DETERMINED BY
3 WEIGHING THE VEHICLE IN A SINGLE MEASUREMENT FOR A VEHICLE THAT IS NOT
4 A TRACTOR-TRAILER COMBINATION AND NOT BY ADDING THE RESULTS OF MULTIPLE
5 MEASUREMENTS TAKEN AT OPPOSITE ENDS OF THE VEHICLE. THE GROSS WEIGHT OF
6 ANY TRACTOR-TRAILER COMBINATION SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE METHOD
7 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) .
8 (2) THE GROSS WEIGHT COMBINATION OF A TRUCK TRACTOR WITH MULTIPLE
9 TRAILERS SHALL BE DETERMINED WITHOUT UNCOUPLING AND BY USING A METHOD OF
10 SPLIT WEIGHING AND COMBINING THE MEASUREMENTS, IF NECESSARY, UNDER THE
11 FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:>>
12 (A) THE BRAKES ON THE TRACTOR AND TRAILERS SHALL BE RELEASED.
13 (B) THERE SHALL BE NO TENSION ON THE DRAW BAR.
14 (C) THE APPROACHES TO THE SCALE SHALL BE STRAIGHT AND ON THE

1 SAME LEVEL AS THE SCALE.

2 (D) THE APPROACHES TO THE SCALE SHALL BE OF SUFFICIENT WIDTH
3 AND LENGTH TO ENSURE LEVEL POSITIONING OF THE COUPLED VEHICLES
4 DURING WEIGHING.

5 (3) A SCALE USED TO WEIGH VEHICLES UNDER SUBSECTION (2) SHALL
6 BE TESTED AT LEAST ANNUALLY BY WEIGHING A COUPLED TRACTOR WITH
7 MULTIPLE TRAILERS AS A SINGLE UNIT AND COMPARING THAT WEIGHT WITH
8 THE COMBINED WEIGHT OF EACH VEHICLE WEIGHED SEPARATELY. IF THE
9 WEIGHTS DETERMINED BY THIS METHOD VARY BY MORE THAN 0.2%, THE SCALE
10 SHALL NOT BE USED TO DETERMINE THE GROSS WEIGHT OF VEHICLES WHILE
11 THEY ARE COUPLED UNTIL THE SCALES ARE CORRECTED TO PROPERLY MEASURE
12 WITHIN THE 0.2% RANGE.

13 (4) IF A SCALE CANNOT BE USED TO WEIGH VEHICLES UNDER
14 SUBSECTION (2) WHILE THEY ARE COUPLED, THE VEHICLES SHALL BE
15 WEIGHED INDIVIDUALLY AND THE WEIGHTS TOTALED TO OBTAIN THE GROSS
16 WEIGHT OF THE VEHICLE COMBINATION.

17 (5) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ENFORCEMENT OF VEHICLE
18 WEIGHT UNDER THE MICHIGAN VEHICLE CODE, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 TO
19 257.923.