

# Legislative Analysis

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## REMOVE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT EXEMPTION FOR MOTOR BUSES

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**Senate Bill 672 as reported from House committee**  
**Sponsor: Sen. Phil Pavlov**  
**House Committee: Transportation and Infrastructure**  
**Senate Committee: Transportation**  
**Complete to 4-18-18**

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*(Enacted as Public Act 213 of 2018)*

### SUMMARY:

Senate Bill 672 would amend the Motor Carrier Safety Act to delete a provision that exempts from the Act and the rules promulgated under it a motor bus as defined in, and for which a certificate of authority was issued under, the Motor Bus Transportation Act.

MCL 480.15

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Motor Carrier Safety Act regulates the operation of commercial motor vehicles, including driver qualifications and physical requirements, vehicle use, inspection, and transportation, and sets penalties. The Motor Bus Transportation Act regulates persons who transport passengers by motor bus.

According to committee testimony, Public Act 349 of 2016 removed federal motor carrier safety standards from the Motor Bus Transportation Act, with the intention at the time of making buses subject to those standards in the Motor Carrier Safety Act. However, this intention fell through the cracks. SB 672 is a follow-up bill to provide this technical fix.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE ACTION:

The House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure reported the Senate-passed version of the bill without amendment.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill has no apparent fiscal impact.

### POSITIONS:

A representative of Michigan State Police testified in support of the bill. (4-10-18)

A representative of Michigan Department of Transportation testified in support of the bill. (4-10-18)

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