

SENATE BILL No. 843

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A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled
"Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending sections 719 and 722 (MCL 257.719 and 257.722), section
719 as amended by 2015 PA 208 and section 722 as amended by 2016 PA
72.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 719. (1) A vehicle unloaded or with load shall not exceed
2 a height of 13 feet 6 inches. The owner of a vehicle that collides
3 with a lawfully established bridge or viaduct is liable for all
4 damage and injury resulting from a collision caused by the height
5 of the vehicle, whether the clearance of the bridge or viaduct is
6 posted or not.

7 (2) Lengths described in this subsection shall be known as the

1 normal length maximum. Except as provided in subsection (3), the
2 following vehicles and combinations of vehicles shall not be
3 operated on a highway in this state in excess of these lengths:

4 (a) Subject to subsection (9), any single vehicle: 40 feet; a
5 crib vehicle on which logs are loaded lengthwise of the vehicle:
6 42.5 feet; any single bus or motor home: 45 feet.

7 (b) Articulated buses: 65 feet.

8 (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
9 combination of a truck and semitrailer or trailer, or a truck
10 tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and semitrailer
11 or trailer, designed and used exclusively to transport assembled
12 motor vehicles or bodies, recreational vehicles, or boats: 65 feet.
13 A combination of a truck and semitrailer or trailer, or a truck
14 tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or a truck tractor and
15 semitrailer or trailer designed and used to transport boats from
16 the manufacturer, or a stinger-steered combination: 75 feet. The
17 load on the combinations of vehicles described in this subdivision
18 may extend an additional 3 feet beyond the front and 4 feet beyond
19 the rear of the combinations of vehicles. Retractable extensions
20 used to support and secure the load that do not extend beyond the
21 allowable overhang for the front and rear shall not be included in
22 determining length of a loaded vehicle or vehicle combination.

23 (d) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall
24 length, the semitrailer: 50 feet.

25 (e) Truck and semitrailer or trailer: 59 feet.

26 (f) Except as provided in subdivision (g), truck tractor,
27 semitrailer, and trailer, or truck tractor and 2 semitrailers: 59

1 feet.

2 (g) A truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer, or a truck
3 tractor and 2 semitrailers, in which no semitrailer or trailer is
4 more than 28-1/2 feet long: 65 feet. This subdivision only applies
5 while the vehicle is being used for a business purpose reasonably
6 related to picking up or delivering a load and only if each
7 semitrailer or trailer is equipped with a device or system capable
8 of mechanically dumping construction materials or dumping
9 construction materials by force of gravity.

10 (h) More than 1 motor vehicle, wholly or partially assembled,
11 in combination, utilizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts with full
12 mount mechanisms and utilizing the motive power of 1 of the
13 vehicles in combination: 55 feet.

14 (i) A recreational vehicle that has its own motive power, in
15 combination with a trailer: 65 feet or, if the operator of the
16 recreational vehicle has a group commercial motor vehicle
17 designation on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license, 75
18 feet.

19 (3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the following vehicles and
20 combinations of vehicles shall not be operated on a designated
21 highway of this state in excess of these lengths:

22 (a) Truck tractor and semitrailer combinations: no overall
23 length limit, the semitrailer 53 feet. All semitrailers longer than
24 50 feet shall have a wheelbase of 37.5 to 40.5 feet plus or minus
25 0.5 feet, measured from the kingpin coupling to the center of the
26 rear axle or the center of the rear axle assembly. City, village,
27 or county authorities may prohibit stops of vehicles with a

1 semitrailer longer than 50 feet within their jurisdiction unless
2 the stop occurs along appropriately designated routes, or is
3 necessary for emergency purposes or to reach shippers, receivers,
4 warehouses, and terminals along designated routes.

5 (b) Truck and semitrailer or trailer combinations: 65 feet,
6 except that a person may operate a truck and semitrailer or trailer
7 designed and used to transport saw logs, pulpwood, and tree length
8 poles that does not exceed an overall length of 70 feet or a crib
9 vehicle and semitrailer or trailer designed and used to transport
10 saw logs that does not exceed an overall length of 75 feet. A crib
11 vehicle and semitrailer or trailer designed to and used to
12 transport saw logs shall not exceed a gross vehicle weight of
13 ~~164,000~~ 80,000 pounds. A person may operate a truck tractor and
14 semitrailer designed and used to transport saw logs, pulpwood, and
15 tree length wooden poles with a load overhang to the rear of the
16 semitrailer which does not exceed 6 feet if the semitrailer does
17 not exceed 50 feet in length.

18 (c) Notwithstanding subsection (5)(d), a truck tractor with a
19 log slasher unit and a log saw unit: no overall limit if the length
20 of each unit does not exceed 28-1/2 feet, or the overall length of
21 the log slasher unit and the log saw unit, as measured from the
22 front of the first towed unit to the rear of the second towed unit
23 while the units are coupled together, does not exceed 58 feet. The
24 coupling devices of the truck tractor and units set forth in this
25 subdivision shall meet the requirements established under the motor
26 carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

27 (d) Truck tractor and 2 semitrailers, or truck tractor,

1 semitrailer, and trailer combinations: no overall length limit, if
2 the length of each semitrailer or trailer does not exceed 28-1/2
3 feet each, or the overall length of the semitrailer and trailer, or
4 2 semitrailers as measured from the front of the first towed unit
5 to the rear of the second towed unit while the units are coupled
6 together does not exceed 58 feet.

7 (e) More than 1 motor vehicle, wholly or partially assembled,
8 in combination, utilizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts with full
9 mount mechanisms and utilizing the motive power of 1 of the
10 vehicles in combination: 97 feet.

11 (f) Truck tractor and lowboy semitrailer combinations: no
12 maximum overall length, if the lowboy semitrailer does not exceed
13 59 feet, except as otherwise permitted under this subdivision. A
14 lowboy semitrailer wheelbase shall not exceed 55 feet as measured
15 from the kingpin coupling to the center of the rear axle. A lowboy
16 semitrailer more than 59 feet in length shall not operate with more
17 than any combination of 4 axles on the lowboy unless an oversized
18 load permit is issued by the state transportation department or a
19 local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction. As
20 used in this subdivision, "lowboy semitrailer" means a flatbed
21 semitrailer with a depressed section that has the specific purpose
22 of being lowered and raised for loading and unloading.

23 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a
24 combination of a truck and semitrailer, or truck tractor and
25 semitrailer, used exclusively to transport assembled motor vehicles
26 or bodies that have a trailer length of 53 feet may have a load
27 that extends an additional 3 feet beyond the front of the trailer

1 and 4 feet beyond the rear of the trailer. Retractable extensions
2 used to support and secure the load that do not extend beyond the
3 allowable overhang for the front and rear shall not be included in
4 determining length of a loaded vehicle or vehicle combination. The
5 total overall length loaded of the combination of vehicles
6 described in this subsection shall not exceed 79 feet.

7 (5) The following combinations and movements are prohibited:

8 (a) A truck shall not haul more than 1 trailer or semitrailer,
9 and a truck tractor shall not haul more than 2 semitrailers or 1
10 semitrailer and 1 trailer in combination at any 1 time, except that
11 a farm tractor may haul 2 wagons or trailers, or garbage and refuse
12 haulers may, during daylight hours, haul up to 4 trailers for
13 garbage and refuse collection purposes, not exceeding in any
14 combination a total length of 55 feet and at a speed limit not to
15 exceed 15 miles per hour.

16 (b) A combination of vehicles or a vehicle shall not have more
17 than 11 axles, except when operating under a valid permit issued by
18 the state transportation department or a local authority with
19 respect to a highway under its jurisdiction.

20 (c) Any combination of vehicles not specifically authorized
21 under this section is prohibited.

22 (d) Except as provided in subsection (3)(c), a combination of
23 2 semitrailers pulled by a truck tractor, unless each semitrailer
24 uses a fifth wheel connecting assembly that conforms to the
25 requirements of the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181,
26 MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

27 (e) A vehicle or a combination of vehicles shall not carry a

1 load extending more than 3 feet beyond the front of the lead
2 vehicle.

3 (f) A vehicle described in subsections (2)(e) and (3)(e)
4 employing triple saddle mounts unless all wheels that are in
5 contact with the roadway have operating brakes.

6 (6) All combinations of vehicles under this section shall
7 employ connecting assemblies and lighting devices that are in
8 compliance with the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181,
9 MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

10 (7) The total gross weight of a truck tractor, semitrailer,
11 and trailer combination or a truck tractor and 2 semitrailers
12 combination that exceeds 59 feet in length shall not exceed a ratio
13 of 400 pounds per engine net horsepower delivered to clutch or its
14 equivalent specified in the handbook published by the Society of
15 Automotive Engineers, Inc. (SAE), 1977 edition.

16 (8) A person who violates this section is responsible for a
17 civil infraction. The owner of the vehicle may be charged with a
18 violation of this section.

19 (9) The provisions in subsections (2)(a) and (3)(b)
20 prescribing the length of a crib vehicle on which logs are loaded
21 lengthwise do not apply unless 23 USC 127(d) is amended to allow
22 crib vehicles carrying logs to be loaded as described in this
23 section.

24 (10) As used in this section:

25 (a) "Designated highway" means a highway approved by the state
26 transportation department or a local authority with respect to a
27 highway under its jurisdiction.

1 (b) "Length" means the total length of a vehicle, or
2 combination of vehicles, including any load the vehicle is
3 carrying. Length does not include devices described in 23 CFR
4 658.16 and 23 CFR part 658, appendix d, 23 CFR 658.16 and 23 CFR
5 part 658, appendix d, as on file with the secretary of state are
6 adopted by reference. A safety or energy conservation device shall
7 be excluded from a determination of length only if it is not
8 designed or used for the carrying of cargo, freight, or equipment.
9 Semitrailers and trailers shall be measured from the front vertical
10 plane of the foremost transverse load supporting structure to the
11 rearmost transverse load supporting structure. Vehicle components
12 not excluded by law shall be included in the measurement of the
13 length, height, and width of the vehicle.

14 (c) "Stinger-steered combinations" means a truck tractor and
15 semitrailer combination in which the fifth wheel is located on a
16 drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the power
17 unit.

18 Sec. 722. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section,
19 the maximum axle load shall not exceed the number of pounds
20 designated in the following provisions that prescribe the distance
21 between axles:

22 (a) If the axle spacing is 9 feet or more between axles, the
23 maximum axle load shall not exceed 18,000 pounds for vehicles
24 equipped with high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

25 (b) If the axle spacing is less than 9 feet between 2 axles
26 but more than 3-1/2 feet, the maximum axle load shall not exceed
27 13,000 pounds for high pressure pneumatic or balloon tires.

1 (c) If the axles are spaced less than 3-1/2 feet apart, the
2 maximum axle load shall not exceed 9,000 pounds per axle.

3 (d) Subdivisions (a), (b), and (c) shall be known as the
4 normal loading maximum.

5 (2) When normal loading is in effect, the state transportation
6 department, or a local authority with respect to highways under its
7 jurisdiction, may designate certain highways, or sections of those
8 highways, where bridges and road surfaces are adequate for heavier
9 loading, and revise a designation as needed, on which the maximum
10 tandem axle assembly loading shall not exceed 16,000 pounds for any
11 axle of the assembly, if there is no other axle within 9 feet of
12 any axle of the assembly.

13 (3) On a legal combination of vehicles, only 1 tandem axle
14 assembly is permitted on the designated highways at the gross
15 permissible weight of 16,000 pounds per axle, if there is no other
16 axle within 9 feet of any axle of the assembly, and if no other
17 tandem axle assembly in the combination of vehicles exceeds a gross
18 weight of 13,000 pounds per axle. On a combination of truck tractor
19 and semitrailer having not more than 5 axles, 2 consecutive tandem
20 axle assemblies are permitted on the designated highways at a gross
21 permissible weight of 16,000 pounds per axle, if there is no other
22 axle within 9 feet of any axle of the assembly.

23 (4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), on a combination of truck
24 tractor and semitrailer having not more than 5 axles, 2 consecutive
25 sets of tandem axles may carry a gross permissible weight of not to
26 exceed 17,000 pounds on any axle of the tandem axles if there is no
27 other axle within 9 feet of any axle of the tandem axles and if the

1 first and last axles of the consecutive sets of tandem axles are
2 not less than 36 feet apart and the gross vehicle weight does not
3 exceed 80,000 pounds to pick up and deliver agricultural
4 commodities between the national truck network or special
5 designated highways and any other highway. This subsection is not
6 subject to the maximum axle loads of subsections (1), (2), and (3).
7 For purposes of this subsection, a "tandem axle" means 2 axles
8 spaced more than 40 inches but not more than 96 inches apart or 2
9 axles spaced more than 3-1/2 feet but less than 9 feet apart. This
10 subsection does not apply during that period when reduced maximum
11 loads are in effect under subsection (8).

12 (5) The seasonal reductions described under subsection (8) to
13 the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirement of
14 subsection (12) do not apply to a person hauling agricultural
15 commodities if the person who picks up or delivers the agricultural
16 commodity either from a farm or to a farm notifies the county road
17 commission for roads under its authority not less than 48 hours
18 before the pickup or delivery of the time and location of the
19 pickup or delivery. The county road commission shall issue a permit
20 to the person and charge a fee that does not exceed the
21 administrative costs incurred. The permit shall contain all of the
22 following:

23 (a) The designated route or routes of travel for the load.

24 (b) The date and time period requested by the person who picks
25 up or delivers the agricultural commodities during which the load
26 may be delivered or picked up.

27 (c) A maximum speed limit of travel, if necessary.

1 (d) Any other specific conditions agreed to between the
2 parties.

3 (6) The seasonal reductions described under subsection (8) to
4 the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirements of
5 subsection (12) do not apply to public utility vehicles under the
6 following circumstances:

7 (a) For emergency public utility work on restricted roads, as
8 follows:

9 (i) If required by the county road commission, the public
10 utility or its subcontractor shall notify the county road
11 commission, as soon as practical, of the location of the emergency
12 public utility work and provide a statement that the vehicles that
13 were used to perform the emergency utility work may have exceeded
14 the loading maximums and gross vehicle weight requirements of
15 subsection (12) as reduced under subsection (8). The notification
16 may be made via facsimile or electronically.

17 (ii) The public utility vehicle travels to and from the site
18 of the emergency public utility work while on a restricted road at
19 a speed not greater than 35 miles per hour.

20 (b) For nonemergency public utility work on restricted roads,
21 as follows:

22 (i) If the county road commission requires, the public utility
23 or its subcontractor shall apply to the county road commission
24 annually for a seasonal truck permit for roads under its authority
25 before seasonal weight restrictions are effective. The county road
26 commission shall issue a seasonal truck permit for each public
27 utility vehicle or vehicle configuration the public utility or

1 subcontractor anticipates will be utilized for nonemergency public
2 utility work. The county road commission may charge a fee for a
3 seasonal truck permit that does not exceed the administrative costs
4 incurred for the permit. The seasonal truck permit shall contain
5 all of the following:

6 (A) The seasonal period requested by the public utility or
7 subcontractor during which the permit is valid.

8 (B) A unique identification number for the vehicle and any
9 vehicle configuration to be covered on the seasonal truck permit
10 requested by the public utility or subcontractor.

11 (C) A requirement that travel on restricted roads during
12 weight restrictions will be minimized and only utilized when
13 necessary to perform public utility work using the public utility
14 vehicle or vehicle configuration and that nonrestricted roads shall
15 be used for travel when available and for routine travel.

16 (D) A requirement that in the case of a subcontractor the
17 permit is only valid while the subcontractor vehicle is being
18 operated in the performance of public utility work.

19 (E) A requirement that a subcontractor vehicle or vehicle
20 configuration shall display signage on the outside of the vehicle
21 to identify the vehicle as operating on behalf of the public
22 utility.

23 (ii) If the county road commission requires notification, the
24 county road commission shall provide a notification application for
25 the public utility or its subcontractor to use when requesting
26 access to operate on restricted roads and the public utility or its
27 subcontractor shall provide notification to the county road

1 commission, via facsimile or electronically, not later than 24
2 hours before the time of the intended travel. A subcontractor using
3 a vehicle on a restricted road shall have a copy of any
4 notification provided to a county road commission in the
5 subcontractor's possession while performing the relevant
6 nonemergency work. Notwithstanding this subsection or an agreement
7 under this subsection, if the county road commission determines
8 that the condition of a particular road under its jurisdiction
9 makes it unusable, the county road commission may deny access to
10 all or any part of that road. The denial shall be made and
11 communicated via facsimile or electronically to the public utility
12 or its subcontractor within 24 hours after receiving notification
13 that the public utility or subcontractors intends to perform
14 nonemergency work that requires use of that road. Any notification
15 that is not disapproved within 24 hours after the notice is
16 received by the county road commission is considered approved. The
17 notification application required under this subparagraph may
18 include all of the following information:

- 19 (A) The address or location of the nonemergency work.
20 (B) The date or dates of the nonemergency work.
21 (C) The route to be taken to the nonemergency work site.
22 (D) The restricted road or roads intended to be traveled upon
23 to the nonemergency work site or sites.
24 (E) In the case of a subcontractor, the utility on whose
25 behalf the subcontractor is performing services.
26 (7) The normal size of tires shall be the rated size as
27 published by the manufacturers, and the maximum wheel load

1 permissible for any wheel shall not exceed 700 pounds per inch of
2 width of tire.

3 (8) Except as provided in this subsection and subsection (9),
4 during the months of March, April, and May in each year, the
5 maximum axle load allowable on concrete pavements or pavements with
6 a concrete base is reduced by 25% from the maximum axle load as
7 specified in this chapter, and the maximum axle loads allowable on
8 all other types of roads during these months are reduced by 35%
9 from the maximum axle loads as specified. The maximum wheel load
10 shall not exceed 525 pounds per inch of tire width on concrete and
11 concrete base or 450 pounds per inch of tire width on all other
12 roads during the period the seasonal road restrictions are in
13 effect. Subject to subsection (5), this subsection does not apply
14 to vehicles transporting agricultural commodities or, subject to
15 subsection (6), public utility vehicles on a highway, road, or
16 street under the jurisdiction of a local road agency. In addition,
17 this subsection does not apply to a vehicle delivering propane fuel
18 to a residence if the vehicle's propane tank is filled to not more
19 than 50% of its capacity and the vehicle is traveling at not more
20 than 35 miles per hour. The state transportation department and
21 each local authority with highways and streets under its
22 jurisdiction to which the seasonal restrictions prescribed under
23 this subsection apply shall post all of the following information
24 on the homepage of its website or, if a local authority does not
25 have a website, then on the website of a statewide road association
26 of which it is a member:

27 (a) The dates when the seasonal restrictions are in effect.

1 (b) The names of the highways and streets and portions of
2 highways and streets to which the seasonal restrictions apply.

3 (9) The state transportation department for roads under its
4 jurisdiction and a county road commission for roads under its
5 jurisdiction may grant exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions
6 for milk on specified routes when requested in writing. Approval or
7 denial of a request for an exemption shall be given by written
8 notice to the applicant within 30 days after the date of submission
9 of the application. If a request is denied, the written notice
10 shall state the reason for denial and alternate routes for which
11 the permit may be issued. The applicant may appeal to the state
12 transportation commission or the county road commission. These
13 exemptions do not apply on county roads in counties that have
14 negotiated agreements with milk haulers or haulers of other
15 commodities during periods of seasonal load limits before April 14,
16 1993. This subsection does not limit the ability of these counties
17 to continue to negotiate such agreements.

18 (10) The state transportation department, or a local authority
19 with respect to highways under its jurisdiction, may suspend the
20 restrictions imposed by this section when and where conditions of
21 the highways or the public health, safety, and welfare warrant
22 suspension, and impose the restricted loading requirements of this
23 section on designated highways at any other time that the
24 conditions of the highway require.

25 (11) For the purpose of enforcing this act, the gross vehicle
26 weight of a single vehicle and load or a combination of vehicles
27 and loads shall be determined by weighing individual axles or

1 groups of axles, and the total weight on all the axles shall be the
 2 gross vehicle weight. In addition, the gross axle weight shall be
 3 determined by weighing individual axles or by weighing a group of
 4 axles and dividing the gross weight of the group of axles by the
 5 number of axles in the group. For purposes of subsection (12), the
 6 overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more axles shall be
 7 determined by weighing individual axles or several axles, and the
 8 total weight of all the axles in the group shall be the overall
 9 gross weight of the group.

10 (12) The loading maximum in this subsection applies to
 11 interstate highways, and the state transportation department, or a
 12 local authority with respect to highways under its jurisdiction,
 13 may designate a highway, or a section of a highway, for the
 14 operation of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight of not more
 15 than 80,000 pounds that are subject to the following load maximums:

16 (a) Twenty thousand pounds on any 1 axle, including all
 17 enforcement tolerances.

18 (b) A tandem axle weight of 34,000 pounds, including all
 19 enforcement tolerances.

20 (c) An overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more
 21 consecutive axles equaling:

$$22 \quad W=500[(LN)/(N-1)+12N+36]$$

23 where W = overall gross weight on a group of 2 or more
 24 consecutive axles to the nearest 500 pounds, L = distance in feet
 25 between the extreme of a group of 2 or more consecutive axles, and
 26 N = number of axles in the group under consideration; except that 2

1 consecutive sets of tandem axles may carry a gross load of 34,000
2 pounds each if the first and last axles of the consecutive sets of
3 tandem axles are not less than 36 feet apart. The gross vehicle
4 weight shall not exceed 80,000 pounds including all enforcement
5 tolerances. Except for 5 axle truck tractor, semitrailer
6 combinations having 2 consecutive sets of tandem axles, vehicles
7 having a gross weight in excess of 80,000 pounds or in excess of
8 the vehicle gross weight determined by application of the formula
9 in this subsection are subject to the maximum axle loads of
10 subsections (1), (2), and (3). As used in this subsection, "tandem
11 axle weight" means the total weight transmitted to the road by 2 or
12 more consecutive axles, the centers of which may be included
13 between parallel transverse vertical planes spaced more than 40
14 inches but not more than 96 inches apart, extending across the full
15 width of the vehicle. Except as otherwise provided in this section,
16 vehicles transporting agricultural commodities shall have weight
17 load maximums as set forth in this subsection.

18 (13) The axle loading maximums under subsections (1), (2),
19 (3), and (4) are increased by 10% for vehicles transporting
20 agricultural commodities or raw timber, excluding farm equipment
21 and fuel, from the place of harvest or farm storage to the first
22 point of delivery on a road in this state. However, the axle
23 loading maximums as increased under this subsection do not alter
24 the gross vehicle weight restrictions set forth in this act. This
25 subsection does not apply to either of the following:

- 26 (a) A vehicle utilizing an interstate highway.
27 (b) A vehicle utilizing a road that is subject to seasonal

1 weight restrictions under subsection (8) during the time that the
2 seasonal weight restrictions are in effect.

3 **(14) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE**
4 **TOTAL GROSS WEIGHT OF A VEHICLE SHALL NOT EXCEED 80,000 POUNDS.**

5 **(15) ~~(14)~~—As used in this section:**

6 (a) "Agricultural commodities" means those plants and animals
7 useful to human beings produced by agriculture and includes, but is
8 not limited to, forages and sod crops, grains and feed crops, field
9 crops, dairy and dairy products, poultry and poultry products,
10 cervidae, livestock, including breeding and grazing, equine, fish,
11 and other aquacultural products, bees and bee products, berries,
12 herbs, fruits, vegetables, flowers, seeds, grasses, nursery stock,
13 mushrooms, fertilizer, livestock bedding, farming equipment, fuel
14 for agricultural use, and maple sap. Agricultural commodities do
15 not include trees or lumber.

16 (b) "Emergency public utility work" means work performed to
17 restore public utility service or to eliminate a danger to the
18 public due to a natural disaster, an act of God, or an emergency
19 situation, whether or not a public official has declared an
20 emergency.

21 (c) "Farm storage" means any of the following:

22 (i) An edifice, silo, tank, bin, crib, interstice, or
23 protected enclosed structure, or more than 1 edifice, silo, tank,
24 bin, crib, interstice, or protected enclosed structure located
25 contiguous to each other.

26 (ii) An open environment used for the purpose of temporarily
27 storing a crop.

1 (d) "Public utility" means a public utility under the
2 jurisdiction of the public service commission or a transmission
3 company.

4 (e) "Public utility vehicle" means a vehicle owned or operated
5 by a public utility or operated by a subcontractor on behalf of a
6 public utility.

7 (f) "Transmission company" means either an affiliated
8 transmission company or an independent transmission company as
9 those terms are defined in section 2 of the electric transmission
10 line certification act, 1995 PA 30, MCL 460.562.

11 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect 90 days
12 after the date it is enacted into law.