



# HOUSE BILL No. 5216

October 10, 1995, Introduced by Reps. Bush, Brewer, Jellema and McBryde and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend sections 669, 719, 721, and 722a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, entitled as amended "Michigan vehicle code," section 669 as amended by Act No. 188 of the Public Acts of 1990, section 719 as amended by Act No. 127 of the Public Acts of 1992, section 721 as amended by Act No. 75 of the Public Acts of 1990, and section 722a as amended by Act No. 249 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 257.669, 257.719, 257.721, and 257.722a of the Michigan Compiled Laws; and to repeal acts and parts of acts.

## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Section 1. Sections 669, 719, 721, and 722a of Act No. 300  
2 of the Public Acts of 1949, section 669 as amended by Act No. 188  
3 of the Public Acts of 1990, section 719 as amended by Act No. 127  
4 of the Public Acts of 1992, section 721 as amended by Act No. 75

1 of the Public Acts of 1990, and section 722a as amended by Act  
2 No. 249 of the Public Acts of 1993, being sections 257.669,  
3 257.719, 257.721, and 257.722a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, are  
4 amended to read as follows:

5       Sec. 669. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2), (3),  
6 and (4), the driver of a motor vehicle carrying passengers for  
7 hire OR THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE THAT IS REQUIRED TO BE  
8 MARKED OR PLACARDED UNDER 49 C.F.R. PARTS 100 TO 180 before  
9 crossing a railroad track at grade, shall stop the vehicle within  
10 50 feet but not less than 10 feet ~~or not less than 15 feet in~~  
11 ~~the case of a vehicle carrying hazardous materials on which a~~  
12 ~~placard is required to be posted pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 171 parts~~  
13 ~~100 to 199,~~ from the nearest rail. ~~and while~~ WHILE stopped,  
14 THE DRIVER shall listen and look in both directions along the  
15 track for an approaching train and for signals indicating the  
16 approach of a train, and shall not proceed until the driver can  
17 do so safely. After stopping as required in this subsection, and  
18 upon proceeding when it is safe to do so, the driver of the vehi-  
19 cle shall cross only in a gear of the vehicle that does not  
20 require changing gears while traversing the crossing. The driver  
21 shall not shift gears while crossing the track or tracks.

22       (2) A stop need not be made at a railroad track grade cross-  
23 ing where a police officer or a traffic-control signal directs  
24 traffic to proceed.

25       (3) A stop need not be made at an abandoned railroad track  
26 grade crossing. As used in this subsection, "abandoned railroad

1 track" means a railroad track which meets all of the following  
2 requirements:

3 (i) The track has been abandoned pursuant to ~~Act No. 56 of~~  
4 ~~the Public Acts of 1919, being sections 469.241 to 469.246 of the~~  
5 ~~Michigan Compiled Laws, section 14 of Act No. 300 of the Public~~  
6 ~~Acts of 1909, as amended, being section 462.14 of the Michigan~~  
7 ~~Compiled Laws, or~~ federal law.

8 (ii) The track has been covered or removed.

9 (iii) All signs, signals, and other warning devices are  
10 removed.

11 (4) A stop shall not be made at ~~a railroad track grade~~  
12 ~~crossing on a freeway or limited access highway where the cross-~~  
13 ~~ing is protected by a clearly visible signal, crossing gate, or~~  
14 ~~barrier at a time when the signal, crossing gate, or barrier is~~  
15 ~~not activated~~ AN INDUSTRIAL OR SPUR LINE RAILROAD GRADE CROSSING  
16 MARKED WITH A SIGN READING "EXEMPT". EXEMPT SIGNS SHALL BE  
17 ERECTED ONLY BY OR WITH THE CONSENT OF THE STATE TRANSPORTATION  
18 DEPARTMENT OR THE LOCAL AUTHORITY HAVING JURISDICTION.

19 (5) A person who violates this section ~~on or after August~~  
20 ~~1, 1979,~~ is responsible for a civil infraction.

21 Sec. 719. (1) ~~Except as provided in subsection (2), a~~ A  
22 vehicle unloaded or with load shall not exceed a height of 13  
23 feet 6 inches. The owner of a vehicle ~~which~~ THAT collides with  
24 a lawfully established bridge or viaduct ~~shall be~~ IS liable for  
25 all damage and injury resulting from a collision caused by the  
26 height of the vehicle, whether the clearance of the bridge or  
27 viaduct is posted or not.

1 ~~(2) A truck, truck tractor, semitrailer, or trailer~~  
2 ~~manufactured on or after July 27, 1978, shall not be used to~~  
3 ~~transport flammable liquids, in bulk, having a flash point at or~~  
4 ~~below 70 degrees Fahrenheit, if the truck, truck tractor, semi-~~  
5 ~~trailer, or trailer exceeds 11 feet 8 1/2 inches in height.~~  
6 ~~However, safety equipment and those appurtenances which are~~  
7 ~~required by state law, when added to a vehicle, may cause the~~  
8 ~~vehicle height to exceed 11 feet 8 1/2 inches, but shall not~~  
9 ~~cause the vehicle height to exceed 13 feet 6 inches. A person~~  
10 ~~who violates this subsection is guilty of a misdemeanor.~~

11 ~~(3) A vehicle, except a truck tractor, trailer, or semi-~~  
12 ~~trailer, including load, or articulated buses operated by a local~~  
13 ~~public transit system funded by Act No. 51 of the Public Acts of~~  
14 ~~1951, being sections 247.651 to 247.675 of the Michigan Compiled~~  
15 ~~Laws, shall not exceed a total length of 40 feet. The total~~  
16 ~~length of a semitrailer operating in a truck tractor and semi-~~  
17 ~~trailer combination shall not exceed 53 feet, including load.~~  
18 ~~All semitrailers longer than 50 feet shall have a wheelbase of~~  
19 ~~40.5 feet plus or minus 0.5 feet, measured from the kingpin cou-~~  
20 ~~pling to the center of the rear axles or to the center of the~~  
21 ~~tandem axle assembly if equipped with 2 axles. Articulated buses~~  
22 ~~operated by a local public transit system funded by Act No. 51 of~~  
23 ~~the Public Acts of 1951 may operate with a maximum length of 65~~  
24 ~~feet. A combination of truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer,~~  
25 ~~or truck and semitrailer or trailer, or a combination of truck~~  
26 ~~tractor and 2 semitrailers, including load, shall not exceed a~~  
27 ~~total overall length of 59 feet except as provided for on routes~~

~~1 designated and approved by the state transportation department  
2 and by local authorities with respect to highways under their  
3 jurisdiction on which a person may operate a combination of a  
4 truck tractor, semitrailer, and trailer or a truck tractor and 2  
5 semitrailers with no limit on the overall combination length, if  
6 the length of each semitrailer or trailer including load does not  
7 exceed 28 1/2 feet or the overall length of the semitrailer and  
8 trailer or 2 semitrailers as measured from the front of the first  
9 towed unit to the rear of the second towed unit while the units  
10 are coupled together does not exceed an overall length of 58  
11 feet, including load. The state transportation department and  
12 local authorities with respect to highways under their jurisdic-  
13 tion may designate highways where the overall length of a truck  
14 and trailer or semitrailer shall not exceed 65 feet. A truck  
15 tractor and semitrailer combination with a semitrailer length  
16 longer than 50 feet shall not be allowed to operate with more  
17 than 2 axles on the semitrailer. All truck tractor and semi-  
18 trailer combinations with a semitrailer length longer than  
19 50 feet shall travel exclusively on highways designated by the  
20 appropriate road authority. City, village, or county authorities  
21 shall have the option of prohibiting stops within their jurisdic-  
22 tions unless the stop occurs along appropriately designated  
23 routes, or is necessary for emergency purposes or to reach ship-  
24 pers, receivers, warehouses, and terminals along designated  
25 routes. A truck tractor shall not haul more than 1 trailer and 1  
26 semitrailer or more than 2 semitrailers in combination at any 1  
27 time, except that a farm tractor may haul 2 wagons or trailers,~~

~~1 or garbage and refuse haulers may, during daylight hours, haul up  
2 to 4 trailers for garbage and refuse collection purposes, not  
3 exceeding in any combination a total length of 55 feet at a speed  
4 of not to exceed 15 miles per hour. In determining the length of  
5 a vehicle or a vehicle combination under this subsection, the  
6 length shall not be considered to include safety and energy con-  
7 servation devices including, but not be limited to, impact  
8 absorbing bumpers, rear view mirrors, turn signals lamps, marker  
9 lamps, steps and hand holds for entry and egress, flexible fender  
10 extensions, mud flaps, or splash and spray suppressant devices,  
11 load induced tire bulge, refrigeration or heating units, or air  
12 compressors. A device shall be excluded from a determination of  
13 length only if it is not designed or used for the carrying of  
14 cargo. Semitrailers and trailers shall be measured from the  
15 front vertical plane of the foremost transverse load supporting  
16 structure to the rearmost transverse load supporting structure.~~

~~17 (4) If a combination of 2 semitrailers is pulled by a truck  
18 tractor, a fifth wheel connecting assembly which conforms with  
19 motor carrier safety rules promulgated by the department of state  
20 police pursuant to the motor carrier safety act of 1963, Act  
21 No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963, as amended, being sections  
22 480.11 to 480.21 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, shall be used on  
23 each semitrailer.~~

~~24 (5) A train of vehicles or a vehicle operated alone shall  
25 not carry a load extending more than 3 feet beyond the front of  
26 the train of vehicles or vehicle.~~

1       ~~(6) A truck tractor and semitrailer combination with a~~  
2 ~~semitrailer length longer than 50 feet shall not be operated on~~  
3 ~~the highways of this state at the times specified in section 684~~  
4 ~~unless equipped with all of the following lamps and reflectors,~~  
5 ~~in addition to any other lamps and reflectors required under this~~  
6 ~~act:~~

7       ~~(a) Two side marker lamps which display an amber light, 1 on~~  
8 ~~each side of the semitrailer, located at 1/2 the distance from~~  
9 ~~the front to the rear of the semitrailer.~~

10       ~~(b) Two reflectors which reflect an amber light, 1 on each~~  
11 ~~side of the semitrailer, located at 1/2 the distance from the~~  
12 ~~front to the rear of the semitrailer.~~

13       ~~(c) Two clearance lamps, 1 on each side of the semitrailer,~~  
14 ~~located at 1/2 the distance from the front to the rear and as~~  
15 ~~near to the top of the semitrailer as practicable.~~

16       ~~(7) A lamp required under subsection (6) shall be lighted at~~  
17 ~~the times specified in section 684 and shall be visible when~~  
18 ~~lighted at a distance of 500 feet from the side of the semi-~~  
19 ~~trailer on which it is mounted. A reflector required under sub-~~  
20 ~~section (6) shall be visible at the times specified in section~~  
21 ~~684 from all distances from 50 to 500 feet from the semitrailer~~  
22 ~~when directly in front of lawful upper beams of headlamps.~~

23       ~~(8) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a~~  
24 ~~person may operate a combination of truck tractor, semitrailer,~~  
25 ~~and trailer, or truck tractor and semitrailer or trailer designed~~  
26 ~~and used exclusively to transport assembled motor vehicles or~~  
27 ~~bodies, recreational vehicles, or boats, which does not exceed a~~

~~1 total length of 65 feet. Stinger steered combinations of truck  
2 tractor and semitrailer shall not exceed a total length of  
3 75 feet. The load on the combination of vehicles may extend an  
4 additional 3 feet beyond the front and 4 feet beyond the rear of  
5 the combination of vehicles. Retractable extensions used to sup-  
6 port and secure the load that do not extend beyond the allowable  
7 overhang for the front and rear shall not be included in deter-  
8 mining the length of a loaded vehicle or combination of  
9 vehicles. As used in this subsection, "stinger steered" means a  
10 semitrailer combination in which the fifth wheel is located on a  
11 drop frame located behind and below the rearmost axle of the  
12 power unit.~~

~~13 (9) A combination of vehicles shall not have more than 11  
14 axles.~~

~~15 (10) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a  
16 number of motor vehicles, wholly or partially assembled, may be  
17 transported over the highways of this state in combination, uti-  
18 lizing 1 tow bar or 3 saddle mounts with full mount mechanisms  
19 and utilizing the motive power of 1 of the vehicles in  
20 combination. The combination shall not exceed the maximum length  
21 of 65 feet for the transportation of assembled motor vehicles,  
22 and the vehicles in the combination shall be adequately and  
23 securely fastened together in compliance with regulations of the  
24 state and of any federal agency having jurisdiction over the  
25 transportation. If motor vehicles are towed by means of triple  
26 saddle mounts, the towed vehicles shall have brakes acting on all  
27 wheels which are in contact with the roadway. A combination~~



~~1 exceeding 55 feet in length may be operated only on highways and  
2 routes approved and designated for that operation by the state  
3 transportation department and by local authorities with respect  
4 to highways under their jurisdiction.~~

~~5 (11) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a  
6 person may operate a truck and semitrailer or trailer designed  
7 and used to transport saw logs, pulpwood, and tree length poles  
8 that does not exceed an overall length of 70 feet including  
9 load. These combinations of vehicles shall only be operated upon  
10 highways designated by the state transportation department or  
11 local authorities with respect to highways under their  
12 jurisdiction.~~

13 (2) THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE NORMAL LENGTH  
14 MAXIMUM. EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (3), THE FOLLOWING  
15 VEHICLES AND COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE OPERATED ON A  
16 HIGHWAY IN THIS STATE IN EXCESS OF THESE LENGTHS:

17 (A) ANY SINGLE VEHICLE: 40 FEET.

18 (B) ARTICULATED BUSES: 65 FEET.

19 (C) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, A  
20 COMBINATION OF A TRUCK AND SEMITRAILER OR TRAILER, OR A TRUCK  
21 TRACTOR, SEMITRAILER, AND TRAILER, OR TRUCK TRACTOR AND SEMI-  
22 TRAILER OR TRAILER, DESIGNED AND USED EXCLUSIVELY TO TRANSPORT  
23 ASSEMBLED MOTOR VEHICLES OR BODIES, RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, OR  
24 BOATS, WHICH DOES NOT EXCEED A LENGTH OF 65 FEET.  
25 STINGER-STEERED COMBINATIONS SHALL NOT EXCEED A LENGTH OF 75  
26 FEET. THE LOAD ON THE COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES DESCRIBED IN THIS  
27 SUBDIVISION MAY EXTEND AN ADDITIONAL 3 FEET BEYOND THE FRONT AND

1 4 FEET BEYOND THE REAR OF THE COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES.  
2 RETRACTABLE EXTENSIONS USED TO SUPPORT AND SECURE THE LOAD THAT  
3 DO NOT EXTEND BEYOND THE ALLOWABLE OVERHANG FOR THE FRONT AND  
4 REAR SHALL NOT BE INCLUDED IN DETERMINING LENGTH OF A LOADED  
5 VEHICLE OR VEHICLE COMBINATION.

6 (D) TRUCK TRACTOR AND SEMITRAILER COMBINATIONS: NO OVERALL  
7 LENGTH, IF THE SEMITRAILER DOES NOT EXCEED 50 FEET.

8 (E) TRUCK AND SEMITRAILER OR TRAILER: 59 FEET.

9 (F) TRUCK TRACTOR, SEMITRAILER, AND TRAILER, OR TRUCK TRAC-  
10 TOR AND 2 SEMITRAILERS: 59 FEET.

11 (G) MORE THAN 1 MOTOR VEHICLE, WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY ASSEM-  
12 BLED, IN COMBINATION, UTILIZING 1 TOW BAR OR 3 SADDLE MOUNTS WITH  
13 FULL MOUNT MECHANISMS AND UTILIZING THE MOTIVE POWER OF 1 OF THE  
14 VEHICLES IN COMBINATION, NOT TO EXCEED 55 FEET.

15 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (2), THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES  
16 AND COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES SHALL NOT BE OPERATED ON A DESIG-  
17 NATED HIGHWAY OF THIS STATE IN EXCESS OF THESE LENGTHS:

18 (A) TRUCK TRACTOR AND SEMITRAILER COMBINATIONS: NO OVERALL  
19 LENGTH LIMIT, IF THE SEMITRAILER DOES NOT EXCEED 53 FEET. ALL  
20 SEMITRAILERS LONGER THAN 50 FEET SHALL HAVE A WHEELBASE OF 40.5  
21 FEET PLUS OR MINUS 0.5 FEET, MEASURED FROM THE KINGPIN COUPLING  
22 TO THE CENTER OF THE REAR AXLE OR THE CENTER OF THE TANDEM AXLE  
23 ASSEMBLY IF EQUIPPED WITH 2 AXLES. A SEMITRAILER WITH A LENGTH  
24 LONGER THAN 50 FEET SHALL NOT OPERATE WITH MORE THAN 2 AXLES ON  
25 THE SEMITRAILER. CITY, VILLAGE, OR COUNTY AUTHORITIES MAY PRO-  
26 HIBIT STOPS OF VEHICLES WITH A SEMITRAILER LONGER THAN 50 FEET  
27 WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTION UNLESS THE STOP OCCURS ALONG

1 APPROPRIATELY DESIGNATED ROUTES, OR IS NECESSARY FOR EMERGENCY  
2 PURPOSES OR TO REACH SHIPPERS, RECEIVERS, WAREHOUSES, AND TERMI-  
3 NALS ALONG DESIGNATED ROUTES.

4 (B) TRUCK AND SEMITRAILER OR TRAILER COMBINATIONS: 65 FEET,  
5 EXCEPT THAT A PERSON MAY OPERATE A TRUCK AND SEMITRAILER OR  
6 TRAILER DESIGNED AND USED TO TRANSPORT SAW LOGS, PULPWOOD, AND  
7 TREE LENGTH POLES THAT DOES NOT EXCEED AN OVERALL LENGTH OF 70  
8 FEET.

9 (C) TRUCK TRACTOR AND 2 SEMITRAILERS, OR TRUCK TRACTOR,  
10 SEMITRAILER, AND TRAILER COMBINATIONS: NO OVERALL LENGTH LIMIT,  
11 IF THE LENGTH OF EACH SEMITRAILER OR TRAILER DOES NOT EXCEED  
12 28-1/2 FEET EACH, OR THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE SEMITRAILER AND  
13 TRAILER, OR 2 SEMITRAILERS AS MEASURED FROM THE FRONT OF THE  
14 FIRST TOWED UNIT TO THE REAR OF THE SECOND TOWED UNIT WHILE THE  
15 UNITS ARE COUPLED TOGETHER DOES NOT EXCEED 58 FEET.

16 (D) MORE THAN 1 MOTOR VEHICLE, WHOLLY OR PARTIALLY ASSEM-  
17 BLED, IN COMBINATION, UTILIZING 1 TOW BAR OR 3 SADDLE MOUNTS WITH  
18 FULL MOUNT MECHANISMS AND UTILIZING THE MOTIVE POWER OF 1 OF THE  
19 VEHICLES IN COMBINATION, NOT TO EXCEED 65 FEET.

20 (4) THE FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS AND MOVEMENTS ARE  
21 PROHIBITED:

22 (A) A TRUCK SHALL NOT HAUL MORE THAN 1 TRAILER OR SEMITRAIL-  
23 ER, AND A TRUCK TRACTOR SHALL NOT HAUL MORE THAN 2 SEMITRAILERS  
24 OR 1 SEMITRAILER AND 1 TRAILER IN COMBINATION AT ANY 1 TIME,  
25 EXCEPT THAT A FARM TRACTOR MAY HAUL 2 WAGONS OR TRAILERS, OR GAR-  
26 BAGE AND REFUSE HAULERS MAY, DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS, HAUL UP TO 4  
27 TRAILERS FOR GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION PURPOSES, NOT

1 EXCEEDING IN ANY COMBINATION A TOTAL LENGTH OF 55 FEET AND AT A  
2 SPEED LIMIT NOT TO EXCEED 15 MILES PER HOUR.

3 (B) A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES OR A VEHICLE SHALL NOT HAVE  
4 MORE THAN 11 AXLES, EXCEPT WHEN OPERATING UNDER A VALID PERMIT  
5 ISSUED BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL AUTHOR-  
6 ITY WITH RESPECT TO A HIGHWAY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

7 (C) ANY COMBINATION OF VEHICLES NOT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED  
8 UNDER THIS SECTION IS PROHIBITED.

9 (D) A COMBINATION OF 2 SEMITRAILERS PULLED BY A TRUCK TRAC-  
10 TOR, UNLESS EACH SEMITRAILER USES A FIFTH WHEEL CONNECTING ASSEM-  
11 BLY WHICH CONFORMS TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MOTOR CARRIER  
12 SAFETY ACT, ACT NO. 181 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1963, BEING  
13 SECTIONS 480.11 TO 480.21 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.

14 (E) A VEHICLE OR A COMBINATION OF VEHICLES SHALL NOT CARRY A  
15 LOAD EXTENDING MORE THAN 3 FEET BEYOND THE FRONT OF THE LEAD  
16 VEHICLE.

17 (F) A VEHICLE DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTIONS (2)(E) AND (3)(D)  
18 EMPLOYING TRIPLE SADDLE MOUNTS UNLESS ALL WHEELS WHICH ARE IN  
19 CONTACT WITH THE ROADWAY HAVE OPERATING BRAKES.

20 (5) ALL COMBINATIONS OF VEHICLES UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL  
21 EMPLOY CONNECTING ASSEMBLIES AND LIGHTING DEVICES THAT ARE IN  
22 COMPLIANCE WITH ACT NO. 181 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1963 AND THIS  
23 ACT.

24 (6) ~~(+2)~~ The total gross weight of a truck tractor, semi-  
25 trailer, and trailer combination or a truck tractor and 2 semi-  
26 trailers combination which exceeds 59 feet in length shall not  
27 exceed a ratio of 400 pounds per engine net horsepower delivered

1 to clutch or its equivalent specified in the ~~SAE~~ handbook  
2 published by the society of automotive engineers, inc. (SAE),  
3 ~~(1977)~~ 1977 EDITION.

4 (7) ~~(13) Except as provided in subsection (2), a~~ A person  
5 who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction.  
6 The owner of the vehicle may be charged with a violation of this  
7 section.

8 (8) AS USED IN THIS SECTION:

9 (A) "ARTICULATED BUSES" MEANS ARTICULATED BUSES OPERATED BY  
10 A LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSIT SYSTEM FUNDED BY ACT NO. 51 OF THE PUBLIC  
11 ACTS OF 1951, BEING SECTIONS 247.651 TO 247.675 OF THE MICHIGAN  
12 COMPILED LAWS.

13 (B) "DESIGNATED HIGHWAY" MEANS A HIGHWAY APPROVED BY THE  
14 STATE TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT OR A LOCAL AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT  
15 TO A HIGHWAY UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

16 (C) "LENGTH" MEANS THE TOTAL LENGTH OF A VEHICLE, OR COMBI-  
17 NATION OF VEHICLES, INCLUDING ANY LOAD THE VEHICLE IS CARRYING.  
18 LENGTH SHALL NOT INCLUDE SAFETY AND ENERGY CONSERVATION DEVICES  
19 INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, IMPACT ABSORBING BUMPERS, REAR  
20 VIEW MIRRORS, TURN SIGNAL LAMPS, MARKER LAMPS, STEPS AND HAND  
21 HOLDS FOR ENTRY AND EGRESS, FLEXIBLE FENDER EXTENSIONS, MUD  
22 FLAPS, OR SPLASH AND SPRAY SUPPRESSANT DEVICES; LOAD INDUCED TIRE  
23 BULGE; REFRIGERATION OR HEATING UNITS; OR AIR COMPRESSORS  
24 ATTACHED TO THE VEHICLE. A DESCRIBED SAFETY OR ENERGY CONSERVA-  
25 TION DEVICE SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM A DETERMINATION OF LENGTH ONLY  
26 IF IT IS NOT DESIGNED OR USED FOR THE CARRYING OF CARGO, FREIGHT,  
27 OR EQUIPMENT. SEMITRAILERS AND TRAILERS SHALL BE MEASURED FROM

1 THE FRONT VERTICAL PLANE OF THE FOREMOST TRANSVERSE LOAD  
2 SUPPORTING STRUCTURE TO THE REARMOST TRANSVERSE LOAD SUPPORTING  
3 STRUCTURE.

4 (D) "STINGER-STEERED COMBINATIONS" MEANS A TRUCK TRACTOR AND  
5 SEMITRAILER COMBINATION IN WHICH THE FIFTH WHEEL IS LOCATED ON A  
6 DROP FRAME LOCATED BEHIND AND BELOW THE REARMOST AXLE OF THE  
7 POWER UNIT.

8 Sec. 721. (1) Except as otherwise provided in subsection  
9 (5), a passenger vehicle or a pickup truck shall not be driven  
10 upon a highway drawing or having attached to the passenger vehi-  
11 cle or pickup truck more than 1 vehicle or trailer.

12 (2) The drawbar or other connection between 2 vehicles, 1 of  
13 which is towing or drawing the other on a highway, shall not  
14 exceed 15 feet in length from 1 vehicle to the other. If the  
15 connection consists of a chain, rope, or cable, there shall be  
16 displayed upon the connection a red flag or other signal or cloth  
17 not less than 12 inches both in length and width.

18 (3) A vehicle or trailer towed or drawn by a vehicle shall  
19 be attached to the vehicle with forms of coupling devices in a  
20 manner so that when the combination is operated in a linear  
21 alignment on a level, smooth, paved surface, the movement of the  
22 towed or drawn vehicle or trailer does not deviate more than  
23 3 inches to either side of the path of the towing vehicle that  
24 tows or draws it. The vehicle or trailer shall also be connected  
25 to the towing vehicle, by suitable safety chains or devices, 1 on  
26 each side of the coupling and at the extreme outer edge of the  
27 vehicle or trailer and each chain or device and connection used

1 shall be of sufficient strength to haul the vehicle or trailer  
2 when loaded.

3 (4) A pickup truck with a fifth wheel assembly shall not tow  
4 a semitrailer unless the fifth wheel assembly conforms to ~~motor~~  
5 ~~carrier safety rule R 460.16442 of the Michigan administrative~~  
6 ~~code~~ THE STANDARDS PRESCRIBED IN THE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ACT,  
7 ACT NO. 181 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1963, BEING SECTIONS 480.11 TO  
8 480.21 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.

9 (5) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a pickup truck with a  
10 towing rating equal to, or greater than, the weight being towed,  
11 equipped with a fifth wheel assembly which conforms with ~~motor~~  
12 ~~carrier safety rules promulgated by the department of state~~  
13 ~~police pursuant to the motor carrier safety act of 1963,~~ THE  
14 STANDARDS PRESCRIBED IN Act No. 181 of the Public Acts of 1963,  
15 ~~being sections 480.11 to 480.21 of the Michigan Compiled Laws,~~  
16 towing attached with a semitrailer designed for recreational  
17 living purposes may tow an additional trailer or semitrailer  
18 under the following conditions:

19 (a) The additional trailer or semitrailer shall be attached  
20 pursuant to subsection (3). The safety chains described in  
21 subsection (3) shall be securely attached at the extreme outer  
22 edge of the attached trailer or semitrailer with a locking  
23 mechanism. The towing vehicle hitch shall be of substantial  
24 material and shall be attached in a proper and skillful manner to  
25 the frame of the towing vehicle.

1 (b) The total length of the pickup truck, semitrailer  
2 designed for recreational living purposes, and additional trailer  
3 or semitrailer, AND LOAD, shall not exceed 59 feet.

4 (c) The gross weight of the additional trailer or semi-  
5 trailer towed or drawn shall not exceed the empty weight of the  
6 pickup truck or the empty weight of the semitrailer.

7 (6) For the purposes of this section, a pickup truck towing  
8 a semitrailer and additional trailer shall be considered a pas-  
9 senger vehicle and shall comply with the speed limit requirements  
10 of section 627(5).

11 ~~(7) The office of highway safety and planning shall compile~~  
12 ~~a study and report to the legislature within 2 years after the~~  
13 ~~effective date of the amendatory act that added this subsection~~  
14 ~~with respect to the effect on highway safety of the changes made~~  
15 ~~in towing requirements for pickup trucks with fifth wheel assem-~~  
16 ~~blies and additional trailers by the amendatory act that added~~  
17 ~~this subsection.~~

18 (7) ~~(8)~~ A person who violates this section is responsible  
19 for a civil infraction.

20 Sec. 722a. (1) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this~~  
21 ~~section, a~~ A truck pulling a trailer, a truck tractor pulling a  
22 semitrailer and trailer combination, or a truck tractor pulling 2  
23 semitrailers shall not transport a flammable liquid, in bulk,  
24 which has a flash point at or below 70 degrees Fahrenheit within  
25 this state.

26 (2) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section~~  
27 ~~other than subsections (1) and (3), a truck with a water capacity~~



~~1 of more than 9,500 gallons or a truck tractor pulling a~~  
~~2 semitrailer with a water capacity of more than 9,500 gallons~~  
~~3 shall not transport a flammable liquid, in bulk, which has a~~  
~~4 flash point at or below 70 degrees Fahrenheit in this state,~~  
~~5 unless the existing manhole or inspection ports of each truck,~~  
~~6 semitrailer, or trailer in the vehicle combination has been~~  
~~7 equipped with devices which are capable of withstanding the~~  
~~8 forces caused by an internal pressure of 50 pounds per square~~  
~~9 inch, applied and held at least 50 milliseconds, and then~~  
~~10 released to 2 pounds per square inch, without having any residual~~  
~~11 venting of flammable liquid during the subsequent 2 pounds per~~  
~~12 square inch condition.~~ A TRUCK PULLING A TRAILER, A TRUCK TRAC-  
13 TOR PULLING A SEMITRAILER AND TRAILER COMBINATION, OR A TRUCK  
14 TRACTOR PULLING 2 SEMITRAILERS SHALL NOT TRANSPORT A FLAMMABLE  
15 GAS OR A COMPRESSED FLAMMABLE GAS, IN BULK, AS DEFINED BY  
16 49 C.F.R. PARTS 100 TO 180, WITHIN THIS STATE.

17 (3) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a~~  
18 A truck or a truck tractor pulling a semitrailer shall not trans-  
19 port a flammable liquid, in bulk, which has a flash point at or  
20 below 70 degrees Fahrenheit in this state, ~~if the truck or semi-~~  
21 ~~trailer was manufactured after July 1, 1982, or before July 1,~~  
22 ~~1982 but was not a vehicle registered in this state by the secre-~~  
23 ~~tary of state at any time between January 1, 1985 and October 1,~~  
24 ~~1985,~~ unless the truck or the semitrailer has a water capacity  
25 of less than 13,800 gallons. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO  
26 THOSE VEHICLES REGISTERED WITH THE MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION OF THE  
27 DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1986.

1       (4) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision of this section~~  
2 EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (5), a truck or truck tractor  
3 pulling a semitrailer shall not transport a flammable liquid, in  
4 bulk, which has a flash point at or below 70 degrees Fahrenheit  
5 in a quantity of more than 13,400 gallons.

6       (5) ~~Notwithstanding any other provisions of this section,~~  
7 ~~a~~ A truck or a truck tractor pulling a semitrailer shall not  
8 transport a flammable liquid in bulk, which has a flash point at  
9 or below 70 degrees Fahrenheit in a quantity of more than 9,000  
10 gallons, to retail service stations located at points within a  
11 county having a population of 600,000 or more. This subsection  
12 shall apply until July 1, 1995.

13       (6) The owner or driver of a vehicle ~~which~~ THAT  
14 transports, OR A SHIPPER WHO LOADS A VEHICLE WITH a flammable  
15 liquid, FLAMMABLE GAS, OR COMPRESSED FLAMMABLE GAS in violation  
16 of ~~subsection (1), (2), (3), (4), or (5)~~ THIS SECTION is guilty  
17 of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than  
18 \$3,000.00, or imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or both.

19       (7) This section shall be enforced only by a police officer.  
20 ~~or an officer appointed by the director of the department of~~  
21 ~~state police pursuant to section 6d of Act No. 59 of the Public~~  
22 ~~Acts of 1935, being section 28.6d of the Michigan Compiled Laws.~~

23       (8) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "IN BULK" MEANS AN  
24 AMOUNT OF PRODUCT OR MATERIAL OF 3,500 WATER GALLONS OR MORE IN A  
25 SINGLE CONTAINMENT SYSTEM. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES TRANSPORT-  
26 ING HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SHALL COMPLY WITH THE MOTOR CARRIER

1 SAFETY ACT, ACT NO. 181 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1963, BEING  
2 SECTIONS 480.11 TO 480.21 OF THE MICHIGAN COMPILED LAWS.

3 Section 2. Section 601a of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts  
4 of 1949, being section 257.601a of the Michigan Compiled Laws, is  
5 repealed.