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TRANSPORT OF CERT. PRODUCTS

House Bill 4850
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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4850 AS INTRODUCED 5-16-95

The Michigan Vehicle Code requires someone who operates a vehicle transporting agricultural commodities "in the normal operation of a farm" to ensure that the contents of the vehicle cannot escape from the vehicle while in transport, although such persons are exempt from a requirement that their vehicles either be covered or that the contents be securely fastened to the vehicle. The bill would amend the act to include the transport of "other materials necessary" in the normal operation of a farm to the exemption described above.

The act also permits someone to operate a "truck and semitrailer or trailer" for transporting saw logs, pulpwood, and tree length poles as long as the entire vehicle, including the load, does not exceed 70 feet in length. The bill would expand the type of vehicles that could be used for this purpose to include a "truck tractor and semitrailer or trailer," subject to the same length restrictions.

MCL 257.719 and 257.720

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