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## VEHICLE COMBINATIONS IN TOW

House Bill 4856  
Sponsor: Rep. Penny Crissman  
Committee: Transportation

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### A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4856 AS INTRODUCED 5-17-95

The Michigan Vehicle Code establishes maximum size and weight limitations for vehicles operating on Michigan roadways, and authorizes special permits to be issued by appropriate jurisdictional transportation authorities for the operation of vehicles that exceed these limitations. The bill would amend the act to permit a combination of vehicles, including a towing vehicle and one or more disabled vehicles, that exceeded the act's size and weight limitations to be operated on state roadways, but only if the towing trip was 50 miles or less. Also, such vehicle combinations would be subject to the following conditions:

\* The towing vehicle would have to be designed specifically for towing purposes, be equipped with emergency flashers, and be able to utilize the lighting and braking systems of the disabled vehicle(s) if such systems were operational.

\* The disabled vehicle(s) could not exceed by themselves the act's size and weight limitations unless an operational permit was granted by an appropriate jurisdictional authority. However, the owner or operator of the towing vehicle would not be subject to penalties imposed under the act for overweight vehicles if the disabled vehicle(s) exceeded the act's size and weight limitations and had not been issued an operational permit by an appropriate authority.

Instead of either of the above requirements, the bill specifies that a written special permit could be issued by an appropriate jurisdictional authority allowing the combination of vehicles to be operated as specified in the bill.

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