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Senate Bill 46 (Substitute S-2 as reported)
Sponsor: Senator Leon Stille
Committee: Farming, Agribusiness and Food Systems

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code's provisions on vehicle wheel and axle loads to do the following:

- Provide that for the pickup or delivery of an agricultural commodity, the Code's load maximums and gross vehicle weight requirements would apply for up to five miles from a designated highway under a local authority's jurisdiction, notwithstanding seasonal weight restrictions.
- Permit a local authority to require lower speed limits for portions of a highway within the five-mile exemption, but only while seasonal weight restrictions were in effect.
- Require a person who picked up or delivered an agricultural commodity to notify a county road commission of the time and location of a pickup or delivery, in order for the five-mile exemption to apply.
- Specify that the reduction in maximum axle loads required during March, April, and May would not apply to a portion of a highway within the five-mile exemption.

Currently, the Code specifies gross weight restrictions for vehicle combinations based on pounds per axle, but makes an exception for vehicles on interstate highways and highways designated by the State Department of Transportation, or a local authority, for roads under its jurisdiction.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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