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House Bill 4781 (Substitute H-1 as reported without amendment)

Sponsor: Representative Joel Sheltroun

House Committee: Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Natural Resources

Senate Committee: Commerce and Tourism

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to include park model trailers in provisions regarding the transport of mobile homes.

"Park model trailer" would mean a vehicle that meets all of the following:

- Is built on a single chassis, mounted on wheels, and designed to be towed by a motor vehicle from time to time.
- Depending on its size, may require a special mobile home highway movement permit to be towed on a street or highway.
- Is designed to provide recreational seasonal or temporary living quarters.
- When used as recreational seasonal or temporary living quarters, may be connected to utilities necessary for the operation of installed fixtures and appliances.
- Is not a mobile home under the Mobile Home Commission Act.

The Code prescribes the maximum dimensions of a mobile home being towed on a street or highway, provides for special permits for the towing of a mobile home that exceeds the maximum dimensions, prescribes other requirements for the transport of a mobile home, and authorizes the State Transportation Commission to order the Michigan Department of Transportation to cease issuing the permits under certain conditions. A person who violates these provisions is responsible for a civil infraction and may be assessed a civil fine of up to \$500. Under the bill, these provisions also would apply to the towing of a park model trailer.

The bill would take on effect December 1, 2009, and is tie-barred to Senate Bill 363, which would create the "Recreational Vehicle Franchise Act".

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FISCAL IMPACT

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

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