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**TRUCKS HAULING FLAM. LIQUIDS**

**House Bill 4535**

**Sponsor: Rep. Vincent J. Porreca**

**Committee: Transportation**

**Complete to 5-14-93**

**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4535 AS INTRODUCED 3-24-93**

The Michigan Vehicle Code currently allows a truck, a truck pulling a trailer, or a truck tractor pulling a semitrailer to transport up to 13,400 gallons of flammable liquid at any time anywhere in the state, except in the tri-county Detroit metropolitan area. In these counties (Oakland, Wayne and Macomb), up to 9,000 gallons of flammable liquid may be transported at anytime on certain designated routes; between midnight and 6 a.m., however, up to 13,400 gallons of flammable liquid may be transported in these counties on designated routes. Currently, so-called "double bottom" tankers (a truck tractor pulling a semitrailer and trailer combination, or a truck tractor pulling two semitrailers) are prohibited from transporting flammable liquids anywhere within the state. Other language in the act regulates the transport of flammable liquids by certain vehicles that operated between March 1, 1985 and October 1, 1985.

The bill would strike various provisions from the act that regulate the types of vehicles and vehicle combinations that may be used to transport flammable liquids, the amount that may be transported, and when and where such flammable liquids may be transported. Also, the specific language pertaining to vehicles that operated from March 1 to October 1 of 1985 would be deleted. By making these deletions, the bill would permit a truck or truck tractor pulling a semitrailer to transport up to 13,400 gallons of flammable liquid anywhere, and at any time, within the state. In addition, the bill would delete language regulating double bottom tankers. (Apparently, this change would allow double-bottom tankers to haul anywhere and at any time in the state up to 17,000 gallons of flammable liquids--which is the current legal limit for hauling nonflammable liquids with double bottom tankers.)

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