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Senate Bill 287 (as introduced 3-22-11)
Sponsor: Senator Mike Kowall
Committee: Transportation

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CONTENT

The bill would amend the Motor Carrier Act to eliminate exemptions from regulation under the Act for vehicles transporting motor vehicles.

Except for certain provisions regarding registration under the Federal Unified Carrier Registration Act, the Motor Carrier Act does not apply to the following:

- A vehicle operated entirely within a city or village of Michigan.
- A motor carrier of property that operates not more than eight miles beyond the boundary of a city or village with a population of less than 500,000, if the origin and destination of the property being transported are within an eight-mile radius of the city or village.

These exemptions do not apply to a vehicle transporting household goods. The bill also would exclude a vehicle transporting motor vehicles.

In addition, the Act does not apply to the following vehicles:

- A vehicle used to transport a vehicle that is temporarily disabled from a point within an eight-mile radius of a city with a population of at least 500,000 and including all other cities or villages, any part of which is located within the eight-mile radius, to another point within that radius.
- A vehicle towing a disabled motor vehicle from the place where it was disabled to another location, or a vehicle towing a motor vehicle involved in an accident from the accident site to another location.

The bill would eliminate these exemptions.

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Legislative Analyst: Julie Cassidy

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would raise an indeterminate amount of revenue. Intrastate motor carriers pay a \$100 application fee, and since the bill would remove two exemptions from the Motor Carrier Act for certain types of vehicles, an indeterminate amount of new revenue would be generated.

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