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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Assembly Bill 642

**Assembly
Amendment 2**

BACKGROUND

State law authorizes the Department of Transportation (DOT) to issue, either annually or for consecutive months, a special permit, known as the “Michigan border permit,” which generally allows vehicles or a combination of vehicles to exceed certain statutory length and weight requirements in the following circumstances, provided the vehicle or combination of vehicles does not violate length or weight limitations under Michigan law:

- Transportation of loads within 11 miles from the Michigan-Wisconsin state line.
- Transportation of raw forest products, lumber, or forestry biomass on certain portions of U. S. Highway 2.
- Transportation of raw forest products, lumber, or forestry biomass on any other specified highway route.

2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 642

2021 Assembly Bill 642 specifies portions of State Highway 64, U.S. Highway 8, U.S. Highway 41, and U.S. Highway 141 as highway routes for which DOT may issue a Michigan border permit under the third category above.¹

ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT 2

Assembly Amendment 2 specifies portions of State Highway 54 and U.S. Highway 45 as highway routes for which DOT may issue a Michigan border permit under the third category above.

The amendment also adds to the portions of U.S. Highway 2 for which DOT may issue a Michigan border permit under the second category above, and includes a portion of U.S. Highway 53 in that category.

BILL HISTORY

Representative Callahan offered Assembly Amendment 2 on November 29, 2021. On December 14, 2021, the Assembly Committee on Transportation unanimously recommended adoption of the amendment and passage of the bill, as amended.

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¹ The bill also provides that a Michigan border permit may not be issued under the third category for a vehicle combination that meets a particular truck configuration identified by the Michigan Department of Transportation.