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Senate Bill 1241 (as introduced 3-27-08)  
Sponsor: Senator Gerald Van Woerkom  
Committee: Transportation

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### **CONTENT**

**The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to permit a truck tractor to tow a log slasher and a saw unit if the length of the units did not exceed certain limits.**

The Code contains length limits for specified vehicles and combinations of vehicles operating on a designated highway of the State.

The bill would permit the operation of a truck tractor with a log slasher unit and a log saw unit with no overall length limit if the length of each unit did not exceed 28½ feet, or if the overall length of the slasher unit and the saw unit, as measured from the front of the first towed unit to the rear of the second towed unit while the units were coupled together, did not exceed 58 feet.

The Code prohibits a truck tractor from pulling a combination of two semi-trailers, unless each semi-trailer uses a fifth wheel connecting assembly. The bill would make an exception to this for the combination described above.

MCL 257.719

Legislative Analyst: Curtis Walker

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have a minimal fiscal impact on State and local government. The bill essentially would eliminate a prohibition against towing certain logging equipment, within a certain length limit. The bill could result in fewer citations being issued under this section, although the number would likely be small. Civil fine revenue under the Michigan Vehicle Code benefits public libraries.

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