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How our Government is helping you out

Here are a few things that all of you need to be aware of as landscape contractors in Michigan, but may not have heard of.

Watch for articles relating to HB 5228. This is a state resolution that will change the definition of a "Commercial Motor Vehicle". Currently it is defined as a vehicle with a gross weight over 10,000 lbs. So all of your vehicles that are over this weight you now have to have federal inspections and USDOT numbers on. This resolution will change that to trucks over 26,000 lbs. That means that most of your pickup trucks and trailers will no longer be listed as "Commercial Motor Vehicles". This means no inspections, no USDOT numbers, etc.



The second one to watch is SB 946. This bill will change how Nursery Inspections are handled. It is really is looking at the nursery stock dealers, and reducing the amount of money that you are charged to get this license. Currently you are charged \$100 to get this license every year. This bill proposes to reduce that to as low as \$35 per year. Of course this will vary business to business, but any opportunity to pay the government less money is a bonus.

Both of these should save you money for your businesses. So keep your eyes peeled for more updates from us and other industry sources.



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