

1                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to trucking; providing a short title;  
 3           defining the term "small trucking firm"; creating the  
 4           Trucking Regulation Workgroup; providing for membership of  
 5           the workgroup; providing for administrative housing of the  
 6           workgroup; providing for a chair of the workgroup;  
 7           providing that members of the workgroup shall serve  
 8           without compensation and cannot be reimbursed for travel;  
 9           directing the workgroup to make a report to the Governor  
 10          and Legislature by a certain date; providing requirements  
 11          of the report; providing for termination of the workgroup;  
 12          providing an effective date.

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 14 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 16           Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Small Trucker  
 17 Relief Act."

18           Section 2. As used in this act, the term "small trucking  
 19 firm" means a trucking enterprise that has fewer than 30  
 20 employees or has fewer than 50 trucks in operation.

21           Section 3. Trucking regulation workgroup.-

22           (1) There is created the Trucking Regulation Workgroup.

23           (2) The workgroup shall consist of the following members,  
 24 whose appointments to the workgroup must be made within 30 days  
 25 after the effective date of this act:

26           (a) The secretary of the Department of Transportation, or  
 27 the secretary's designee.

28        (b) The executive director of the Department of Revenue,  
 29 or the executive director's designee.

30        (c) The secretary of the Department of Environmental  
 31 Protection, or the secretary's designee.

32        (d) The commissioner of the Florida Department of Law  
 33 Enforcement, or the commissioner's designee.

34        (e) The executive director of the Department of Highway  
 35 Safety and Motor Vehicles, or the executive director's designee.

36        (f) Three members, appointed by the Governor, who shall be  
 37 owners or employees of a small trucking firm as defined in  
 38 section 2.

39        (g) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a member  
 40 of the Florida Trucking Association.

41        (3) The workgroup shall be administratively housed within  
 42 the Department of Transportation, and the chair of the workgroup  
 43 shall be the secretary of the Department of Transportation or  
 44 the secretary's designee.

45        (4) Members of the workgroup shall serve without  
 46 compensation and cannot be reimbursed for travel.

47        (5) On or before October 1, 2011, the workgroup shall  
 48 deliver to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the  
 49 Speaker of the House of Representatives a report concerning  
 50 rules and regulations affecting small trucking firms. The report  
 51 shall provide legislative recommendations related to:

52        (a) Penalties assessed for idling by trucks owned by small  
 53 trucking firms;

54        (b) Development of a corporate tax credit related to the  
 55 costs of idling by trucks owned by small trucking firms;

56           (c) Theft of cargo or equipment from trucks owned by small  
 57 trucking firms and criminal penalties imposed for such crimes;

58           (d) An exemption for small trucking firms from rules  
 59 imposed by the Department of Environmental Protection  
 60 restricting truck washing;

61           (e) Development of rules by the Department of  
 62 Transportation regarding the random inspection of trucks owned  
 63 by small trucking firms and prohibiting the use of any target  
 64 list to determine which trucks are inspected; and

65           (f) Improving access, through increased use of technology  
 66 or by any other means, to Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
 67 Vehicles' offices that provide registration and renewal services  
 68 under the International Registration Plan to motor carriers.

69           (6) The workgroup is abolished on November 1, 2011.

70           Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.