

By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Evers

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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
5 membership of the workgroup; directing the workgroup
6 to make a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the
7 House of Representatives, and the President of the
8 Senate by a certain date; providing requirements of
9 the report; providing for termination of the
10 workgroup; providing an effective date.

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

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14 Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Small Trucker
15 Relief Act."

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

19 Section 3. Trucking Regulation Workgroup.-

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

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

24 (a) The Secretary of Transportation, or the secretary's
25 designee.

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

28 (c) The Secretary of Environmental Protection, or the
29 secretary's designee.

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30 (d) The executive director of the Department of Law
31 Enforcement, or the executive director's designee.

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

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

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

39 (3) On or before October 1, 2011, the workgroup shall
40 deliver to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of
41 Representatives, and the President of the Senate a report
42 concerning rules and regulations affecting small trucking firms.
43 The report shall provide legislative recommendations related to:

44 (a) Penalties assessed for idling by trucks owned by small
45 trucking firms;

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

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

50 (d) Exemption from rules imposed by the Department of
51 Environmental Protection restricting truck washing for small
52 trucking firms;

53 (e) Development of rules to be adopted by the Department of
54 Transportation regarding random inspection of trucks owned by
55 small trucking firms and prohibiting the use of any "target
56 list" to determine which trucks are inspected; and

57 (f) Improving access to Department of Highway Safety and
58 Motor Vehicles' offices that provide International Registration

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59 Plan registration and renewal services to motor carriers,
60 whether through increased use of technology or by any other
61 means.

62 (4) The workgroup is abolished on November 1, 2011.
63 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.