

Union Calendar No. 789

118TH CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. R. 2948

[Report No. 118-937]

To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of certain specialized hauling vehicles on the Interstate System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2023

Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. MAST, and Mr. BEAN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

DECEMBER 19, 2024

Additional sponsors: Mr. STEUBE and Mr. EDWARDS

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Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union
and ordered to be printed

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Carrying Automobiles
5 Responsibly and Safely Act” or the “CARS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED HAULING**
7 **VEHICLES ON INTERSTATE.**

8 Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

10 “(x) OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED HAUL-
11 ING VEHICLES ON THE INTERSTATE.—

12 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may not prohibit
13 the operation of a stinger-steered combination auto-
14 mobile transporter with a gross weight of 88,000
15 pounds or less on—

16 “(A) any segment of the Interstate System
17 (except a system exempted under section
18 31111(f) of title 49); or

19 “(B) the classes of qualifying Federal-aid
20 primary highways designated by the Secretary
21 under section 31111(e) of title 49.

22 “(2) REASONABLE ACCESS.—No State may
23 enact or enforce a law denying reasonable access to
24 stinger-steered combination automobile transporters,
25 to and from highways described in paragraph (1), to

1 loading or unloading points or facilities for food,
2 fuel, repair, and rest.

3 “(3) AXLE WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—A State shall
4 allow a stinger-steered combination automobile
5 transporter an increase of not more than 10 percent
6 on the axle weight limitations set forth in subsection
7 (a).

8 “(4) STINGER-STEERED COMBINATION AUTO-
9 MOBILE TRANSPORTER DEFINED.—In this sub-
10 section, the term ‘stinger-steered combination auto-
11 mobile transporter’ means a truck tractor semitrailer
12 wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame
13 located behind and below the rear-most axle of the
14 power unit.”.

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