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H. R. 801

To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to vehicle weight limitations applicable to the Interstate System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 18, 2011

Mr. CRAVAACK (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. PAUL, Mr. WESTMORELAND, and Mr. PETERSON) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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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 “Truck Weight Uni-
5 formity Act of 2011”.

6 **SEC. 2. INCREASING WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR CERTAIN**
7 **VEHICLES.**

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

1 “(i) EXCEPTION TO WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.—

2 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection
3 (a), a State may authorize a vehicle with a gross
4 weight that exceeds the maximum gross weight ap-
5 plicable under subsection (a) to operate on the Inter-
6 state System routes in that State, if—

7 “(A) the vehicle is equipped with at least
8 6 axles;

9 “(B) the weight carried on any single axle
10 of the vehicle does not exceed 20,000 pounds;

11 “(C) the weight carried on any tandem
12 axle of the vehicle does not exceed 34,000
13 pounds;

14 “(D) the weight carried on any group of 3
15 axles of the vehicle does not exceed 51,000
16 pounds; and

17 “(E) the gross weight of the vehicle does
18 not exceed 99,000 pounds.

19 “(2) SPECIAL RULES.—

20 “(A) INCREASE IN AXLE WEIGHT RE-
21 QUIREMENT.—A State may authorize a vehicle
22 to exceed the maximum axle weight require-
23 ments under any one axle grouping in subpara-
24 graph (B), (C), or (D) of paragraph (1) by not
25 more than 2,000 pounds.

1 “(B) INCREASE IN GROSS WEIGHT RE-
2 QUIREMENT.—A State may authorize a vehicle
3 to exceed the maximum gross weight require-
4 ment under paragraph (1)(E) by not more than
5 5 percent.

6 “(3) APPROVAL BY STATE LEGISLATURE.—Any
7 State seeking to authorize a vehicle to operate on
8 the Interstate System routes in that State under
9 paragraph (1) or to increase maximum axle or gross
10 weight requirements under paragraph (2) shall do so
11 by law.

12 “(4) TERMINATION.—The Secretary may termi-
13 nate the operation of vehicles, described under para-
14 graph (1) and authorized to operate under this sub-
15 section, on a specific route if the Secretary deter-
16 mines that such operation poses an unreasonable
17 safety risk based on an engineering analysis or an
18 analysis of safety data or any other applicable data
19 the Secretary may use.

20 “(5) STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.—Vehicle op-
21 erations authorized pursuant to this subsection shall
22 be in addition to other vehicle operations authorized
23 by this section.

24 “(6) WAIVER OF HIGHWAY FUNDING REDUC-
25 TION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the total

1 amount of funds apportioned to a State under sec-
2 tion 104(b)(1) for any period may not be reduced
3 under subsection (a) as a result of a State author-
4 izing a vehicle described in paragraph (1) to operate
5 on the Interstate System routes in that State in ac-
6 cordance with this subsection.”.

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