

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 04/05/2011

The Committee on Transportation (Evers) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

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

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

Section 3. Trucking regulation workgroup.-

- (1) There is created the Trucking Regulation Workgroup.
- (2) The workgroup shall consist of the following members,

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whose appointments to the workgroup must be made within 30 days after the effective date of this act:

- (a) The Secretary of Transportation, or the secretary's designee.
- (b) The Executive Director of the Department of Revenue, or the executive director's designee.
- (c) The Secretary of Environmental Protection, or the secretary's designee.
- (d) The Commissioner of the Department of Law Enforcement, or the commissioner's designee.
- (e) The Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, or the executive director's designee.
- (f) Three members, appointed by the Governor, who shall be owners or employees of a small trucking firm as defined in section 2.
- (g) One member, appointed by the Governor, who is a member of the Florida Trucking Association.
- (3) On or before October 1, 2011, the workgroup shall deliver to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate, a report concerning rules and regulations affecting small trucking firms. The report shall provide legislative recommendations related to:
- (a) Penalties assessed for idling by trucks owned by small trucking firms;
- (b) Development of a corporate tax credit related to the costs of idling by trucks owned by small trucking firms;
- (c) Theft of cargo or equipment from trucks owned by small trucking firms, and criminal penalties imposed for such crimes;
 - (d) Exemption from rules imposed by the Department of

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Environmental Protection restricting truck washing, for small trucking firms;

- (e) Development of rules to be adopted by the Department of Transportation regarding random inspection of trucks owned by small trucking firms and prohibiting the use of any "target list" to determine which trucks are inspected; and
- (f) Improving access to Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles' offices that provide International Registration Plan registration and renewal services to motor carriers, whether through increased use of technology or by any other means.
 - (4) The workgroup is abolished on November 1, 2011. Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011.

======== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete everything before the enacting clause and insert:

A bill to be entitled

An act relating to trucking; providing a short title; defining the term "small trucking firm"; creating the Trucking Regulation Workgroup; providing for membership of the workgroup; directing the workgroup to make a report to the Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate by a certain date; providing requirements of the report; providing for termination of the workgroup; providing an effective date.