

SENATE BILL 663

By Watson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8;
Title 50; Title 54; Title 55 and Title 65, relative to
motor carrier safety.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 15, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The deployment, implementation, or use of a motor carrier safety improvement by or as required by a motor carrier or its related entity, including by contract, shall not be considered when evaluating an individual's status as an employee or independent contractor, or as a jointly employed employee, under any state law.

(b) For purposes of this section, "motor carrier safety improvement" means any device, equipment, software, technology, procedure, training, policy, program, or operational practice intended and primarily used to improve or facilitate any of the following:

- (1) Compliance with traffic safety or motor carrier safety laws;
- (2) Safety of a motor vehicle;
- (3) Safety of the operator of a motor vehicle; or
- (4) Safety of third-party users of public roadways.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.