
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY ECKER, KLUNK, SMITH, HAMM, PICKETT, GLEIM,
SALISBURY, ZIMMERMAN AND MOUL, MARCH 30, 2023

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, MARCH 30, 2023

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the United States Department of Transportation and the
2 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to take action
3 and ease regulations relating to commercial driver's licenses
4 and vehicle safety inspections.

5 WHEREAS, The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration
6 (FMCSA) was established within the Department of Transportation
7 to prevent commercial motor vehicle-related fatalities and
8 injuries; and

9 WHEREAS, Federal and state regulations have been promulgated
10 under the FMCSA to:

11 (1) ensure safety in motor carrier operations through
12 strong enforcement of safety regulations;

13 (2) target high-risk carriers and commercial motor
14 vehicle drivers;

15 (3) improve safety information systems and commercial
16 motor vehicle technologies;

17 (4) strengthen commercial motor vehicle equipment and
18 operating standards; and

19 (5) increase safety awareness;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, A Commonwealth vehicle safety inspection requires a
3 road test and therefore a certified inspection mechanic must
4 hold a valid license for each class of vehicle that they are
5 certified to inspect; and

6 WHEREAS, Due to the implementation of the FMCSA entry-level
7 driver training requirements, a student must take a lengthy and
8 expensive course through a driving school to obtain a commercial
9 driver's license; and

10 WHEREAS, Many entry-level mechanic technicians who work at a
11 Commonwealth-certified official inspection station, can operate
12 large vehicles and frequently move them in and out of the shop
13 and understand the operation of the vehicles; and

14 WHEREAS, If an inspection mechanic technician possesses a
15 Category 3 inspection license, the technician has already been
16 trained and tested on heavy, commercial motor vehicles;
17 therefore be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
19 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the United States Department
20 of Transportation and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
21 Administration to take action and ease regulatory barriers
22 relating to commercial driver's licenses and vehicle safety
23 inspections; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the
25 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urge the United States Department
26 of Transportation and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety
27 Administration to consider regulations that would reform, ease
28 or create exemptions for certified inspection mechanics
29 performing a vehicle road test requiring a commercial driver's
30 license; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
2 the United States Secretary of Transportation, the Administrator
3 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the chair
4 and ranking member of the United States Senate Committee on
5 Commerce, Science and Transportation, the chair and ranking
6 member of the United States House Committee on Transportation
7 and Infrastructure, each member of Congress from Pennsylvania,
8 the Pennsylvania Secretary of Transportation and the Governor of
9 Pennsylvania.