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H. R. 2920

To amend title 23, United States Code, to establish an axle weight variance for certain commercial motor vehicles transporting dry bulk goods, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2025

Mr. CRAWFORD (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL) 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 “Vehicle Axle Redis-
5 tribution Increases Allow New Capacities for Efficiency
6 Act” or the “VARIANCE Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. DRY BULK AXLE WEIGHT VARIANCE.**

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

1 “(z) DRY BULK AXLE WEIGHT VARIANCE.—

2 “(1) WEIGHT VARIANCE.—Notwithstanding any
3 other provision of this section, except for the max-
4 imum gross vehicle weight limitation, a commercial
5 motor vehicle transporting dry bulk goods may not
6 exceed 110 percent of the maximum weight on any
7 axle or axle group described in subsection (a), in-
8 cluding any enforcement tolerance.

9 “(2) DRY BULK GOODS DEFINED.—In this sub-
10 section, the term ‘dry bulk goods’ means any homo-
11 geneous unmarked, unpackaged, nonliquid cargo
12 being transported in a trailer specifically designed
13 for that purpose.”.

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