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# H. R. 5423

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Ms. BROWNLEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the  
Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Predatory Truck Leas-  
5 ing Prevention Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PREDATORY COMMERCIAL**  
2 **MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREE-**  
3 **MENT PROGRAMS.**

4 Section 14102 of title 49, United States Code, is  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c) PROHIBITION ON PREDATORY COMMERCIAL  
7 MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT PRO-  
8 GRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after  
10 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-  
11 retary shall promulgate regulations to prohibit the  
12 use of predatory commercial motor vehicle lease-pur-  
13 chase programs by motor carriers providing trans-  
14 portation subject to jurisdiction under subchapter I  
15 of chapter 135.

16 “(2) RELIEF PROVISION.—In promulgating reg-  
17 ulations pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary  
18 shall establish a process by which drivers can be  
19 granted relief from the terms of a lease-purchase  
20 agreement if—

21 “(A) the Secretary finds that the terms of  
22 the lease-purchase agreement violated regula-  
23 tions issued pursuant to paragraph (1); and

24 “(B) the lease-purchase agreement was en-  
25 tered into after the effective date of the regula-  
26 tions issued pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

2 “(A) PREDATORY COMMERCIAL MOTOR VE-  
3 HICLE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT PRO-  
4 GRAM.—The term ‘predatory commercial motor  
5 vehicle lease-purchase agreement program’  
6 means the framework of motor carrier-driver  
7 relationship, including the lease-purchase agree-  
8 ment, the contract for the driver’s work for the  
9 motor carrier, and the motor carrier’s practices  
10 in implementing the contracts that are not pro-  
11 vided in the contract, including the motor car-  
12 rier’s recruitment practices, operational prac-  
13 tices, and tax and finance practices, whereby  
14 the motor carrier controls the work, compensa-  
15 tion, and debts of the driver, and the driver ac-  
16 crues no equity or is forced to give up equity  
17 accrued in the contracted truck.

18 “(B) LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.—The  
19 term ‘lease-purchase agreement’ means a finan-  
20 cial contract by which a driver leases a commer-  
21 cial motor vehicle from a motor carrier (or a  
22 firm affiliated with such motor carrier) to haul  
23 freight while driving for the same motor carrier  
24 under a separate contract.”.

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