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# H. R. 6642

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 11, 2025

Ms. HAGEMAN 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 “Responsible Oppor-  
5       tunity for Under-21 Trucking Engagement Act” or the  
6       “ROUTE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITED INTERSTATE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL**  
2 **MOTOR VEHICLES FOR DRIVERS UNDER 21.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 313 of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 31318. Limited interstate operation for drivers**  
7 **under 21**

8 “(a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE DRIVER.—In this  
9 section, the term ‘eligible driver’ means an individual  
10 who—

11 “(1) holds a commercial driver’s license limited  
12 to intrastate operation of a commercial motor vehi-  
13 cle; and

14 “(2) is—

15 “(A) not less than 18 years old; and

16 “(B) less than 21 years old.

17 “(b) LIMITED INTERSTATE OPERATION OF COMMER-  
18 CIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.—Notwithstanding any other pro-  
19 vision of law, an eligible driver may operate a commercial  
20 motor vehicle in interstate commerce (as defined in section  
21 31132) within a 150 air-mile radius of the normal work  
22 reporting location of the eligible driver, subject to the con-  
23 ditions that—

24 “(1) not more than 14 consecutive hours after  
25 departing from that normal work reporting location,

1 the eligible driver returns to that normal work re-  
2 porting location and is released from work;

3 “(2) the eligible driver has at least 10 consec-  
4 tive hours off duty separating each on-duty period  
5 described in paragraph (1); and

6 “(3) the normal work reporting location of the  
7 eligible driver remains in the State in which the eli-  
8 gible driver holds a commercial driver’s license de-  
9 scribed in subsection (a)(1).”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-  
11 ter 313 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by  
12 adding at the end the following:

“31318. Limited interstate operation for drivers under 21.”.

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