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S. 2108

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 SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2025

Mr. RICKETTS (for himself and Mr. SCHIFF) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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”.

1 **SEC. 2. AXLE WEIGHT VARIANCE FOR THE TRANSPOR-**
 2 **TATION OF DRY BULK GOODS.**

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

5 “(z) AXLE WEIGHT VARIANCE FOR THE TRANSPOR-
 6 TATION OF DRY BULK GOODS.—

7 “(1) DEFINITION OF DRY BULK GOODS.—In
 8 this subsection, the term ‘dry bulk goods’ means a
 9 homogeneous, unmarked, unpackaged, nonliquid
 10 cargo being transported in a trailer specifically de-
 11 signed for that purpose.

12 “(2) WEIGHT VARIANCE.—Notwithstanding any
 13 other provision of this section, except for the max-
 14 imum gross vehicle weight limitation, a commercial
 15 motor vehicle transporting dry bulk goods may not
 16 exceed 110 percent of the maximum weight on any
 17 axle or axle group described in subsection (a), in-
 18 cluding any enforcement tolerance.”.

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