

110TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3271

To amend the definition of commercial motor vehicle in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2008

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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. DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHI-**
4 **CLE.**

5 Section 31101(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code,
6 is amended to read as follows:

7 “(A)(i) except for vehicles described in
8 clause (ii), has a gross vehicle weight rating or

1 gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds;

2 or

3 “(ii) is primarily engaged in the transpor-
 4 tation of agricultural commodities or farm sup-
 5 plies and has a gross vehicle weight rating or
 6 gross vehicle weight of at least the minimum
 7 weight of a commercial motor vehicle (as de-
 8 fined by the State in which it is being oper-
 9 ated);”.

10 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF GRANTS FOR STATES THAT IN-**
 11 **CREASE THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR COM-**
 12 **MERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

13 Section 31102 of title 49, United States Code, is
 14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15 “(f) PRESERVATION OF GRANTS FOR STATES THAT
 16 INCREASE THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL
 17 MOTOR VEHICLES.—The Secretary may not withhold
 18 grant funding from a State under this section solely be-
 19 cause the State authorizes drivers of vehicles engaged in
 20 the transportation of agricultural commodities or farm
 21 supplies that have a gross vehicle weight of more than
 22 10,000 pounds and less than 26,001 pounds, to operate
 23 without complying with Federal regulations relating to
 24 commercial motor vehicles.”.

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