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To amend title 49, United States Code, to provide certain exemptions to drivers of intrastate commercial motor vehicles engaged in agricultural purposes, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BOREN (for himself and Ms. FALLIN) 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. EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL**
4 **MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS.**

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

7 “(f) EXEMPTIONS FOR CERTAIN COMMERCIAL
8 MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS.—The Secretary of Transpor-

1 tation shall not require a State that receives a grant under
 2 this section to require drivers of intrastate commercial ve-
 3 hicles engaged in agricultural-related purposes to comply
 4 with the following provisions of title 49, Code of Federal
 5 Regulations—

6 “(1) parts 380, 383, and 390;

7 “(2) paragraphs (1), (6), or (8) of section
 8 391.11(b) of part 391;

9 “(3) subparts C, D, E (excluding section
 10 391.41 which shall apply to a driver), and F of part
 11 391;

12 “(4) part 395; and

13 “(5) sections 396.11, 396.13, and 396.15, and
 14 paragraphs (b) and (c) of section 396.3 of part
 15 396.”.

16 **SEC. 2. MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT CHANGES.**

17 (a) SAFETY REGULATION.—Section 31132(1)(A) of
 18 title 49, United States Code, is amended by striking
 19 “10,001” and inserting “26,001”.

20 (b) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.—
 21 Section 31301(4) of title 49, United States Code, is
 22 amended to read as follows:

23 “(4) ‘commercial motor vehicle’ means a motor
 24 vehicle used in commerce to transport passengers or
 25 property that—

1 “(A) has a gross vehicle weight rating or
2 gross vehicle weight of at least 26,001 pounds,
3 whichever is greater;

4 “(B) is designed to transport at least 16
5 passengers, including the driver; or

6 “(C) is used to transport material found
7 by the Secretary to be hazardous under section
8 5103, except that a vehicle shall not be included
9 as a commercial motor vehicle under this sub-
10 paragraph if—

11 “(i) the vehicle is transporting mate-
12 rial listed as hazardous under section
13 306(a) of the Comprehensive Environ-
14 mental Response, Compensation, and Li-
15 ability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9656(a))
16 and is not otherwise regulated by the Sec-
17 retary or is transporting a consumer com-
18 modity or limited quantity of hazardous
19 material as defined in section 171.8 of title
20 49, Code of Federal Regulations; and

21 “(ii) the Secretary does not deny the
22 application of this exception to the vehicle
23 (individually or as part of a class of motor
24 vehicles) in the interest of safety.”.

1 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

2 The amendments made by this Act shall take effect
3 on the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment
4 of this Act.

