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H. R. 2546

To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit States from requiring a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor vehicle is providing interstate pre-arranged ground transportation service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 18, 2001

Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. LOBIONDO, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. SHAYS, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. BROWN of Florida, Mr. MICA, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. TOWNS) 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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Real Interstate Driver
5 Equity Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. REGULATION OF INTERSTATE PRE-ARRANGED**
2 **GROUND TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.**

3 Section 14501 of title 49, United States Code, is
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(d) PRE-ARRANGED GROUND TRANSPORTATION.—

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—No State or political sub-
7 division thereof and no interstate agency or other
8 political agency of 2 or more States shall enact or
9 enforce any law, rule, regulation, standard or other
10 provision having the force and effect of law requiring
11 a license or fee on account of the fact that a motor
12 vehicle is providing pre-arranged ground transpor-
13 tation service if the motor carrier providing such
14 service—

15 “(A) meets all applicable registration re-
16 quirements under chapter 139 for the interstate
17 transportation of passengers;

18 “(B) meets all applicable vehicle and intra-
19 state passenger licensing requirements of the
20 State or States in which the motor carrier is
21 domiciled or registered to do business; and

22 “(C) is providing such service pursuant to
23 a contract for—

24 “(i) travel from one State, including
25 intermediate stops, to a destination in an-
26 other State; or

1 “(ii) travel from one State, including
2 one or more intermediate stops in another
3 State, to a destination in the original
4 State.

5 “(2) MATTERS NOT COVERED.—Nothing in this
6 subsection shall be construed as—

7 “(A) subjecting taxicab service to regula-
8 tion under chapter 135 or section 31138; or

9 “(B) prohibiting or restricting an airport,
10 train, or bus terminal operator from contracting
11 to provide preferential access or facilities to one
12 or more providers of pre-arranged ground
13 transportation service.”.

14 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 13102 of title 49, United
16 States Code, is amended—

17 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (17), (18),
18 (19), (20), (21), and (22) as paragraphs (18), (19),
19 (21), (22), (23), and (24), respectively;

20 (2) by inserting after paragraph (16) the fol-
21 lowing:

22 “(17) PRE-ARRANGED GROUND TRANSPOR-
23 TATION SERVICE.—The term ‘pre-arranged ground
24 transportation service’ means transportation for a
25 passenger (or a group of passengers) that is ar-

1 ranged in advance (or is operated on a regular route
2 or between specified points) and is provided in a
3 motor vehicle with a seating capacity not exceeding
4 15 passengers (including the driver).”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (19) (as so re-
6 designated) the following:

7 “(20) TAXICAB SERVICE.—The term ‘taxicab
8 service’ means passenger transportation in a motor
9 vehicle having a capacity of not more than 8 pas-
10 sengers (including the driver), not operated on a
11 regular route or between specified places, and that—

12 “(A) is licensed as a taxicab by a State or
13 a local jurisdiction; or

14 “(B) is offered by a person that—

15 “(i) provides local transportation for a
16 fare determined (except with respect to
17 transportation to or from airports) pri-
18 marily on the basis of the distance trav-
19 eled; and

20 “(ii) does not primarily provide trans-
21 portation to or from airports.”.

22 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
23 13506(a)(2) of title 49, United States Code, is amended
24 to read as follows:

1 “(2) a motor vehicle providing taxicab service;”.

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