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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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and Transportation

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## AN ACT

To prohibit the Secretary of Transportation from granting authority to a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border unless expressly authorized by Congress.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. LIMITATION ON LONG-HAUL CROSS BORDER**  
2 **MOTOR CARRIER OPERATIONS.**

3 (a) **TERMINATION OF PILOT PROGRAM.**—Not later  
4 than September 6, 2008, the Secretary of Transportation  
5 shall terminate the one-year cross border demonstration  
6 project the Secretary started on September 6, 2007, as  
7 described in the Federal Register notices dated May 1,  
8 2007 (72 Fed. Reg. 23883), June 8, 2007 (72 Fed. Reg.  
9 31877), and August 17, 2007 (72 Fed. Reg. 46263).

10 (b) **CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED.**—  
11 Unless expressly authorized by Congress, the Secretary  
12 may not grant authority to a motor carrier domiciled in  
13 Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and  
14 commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border  
15 after September 6, 2008.

16 **SEC. 2. REPORTS TO CONGRESS.**

17 Not later than 60 days after the date of enactment  
18 of this Act—

19 (1) the Inspector General of the Department of  
20 Transportation shall transmit to Congress the final  
21 report required by section 6901(c) of the U.S. Troop  
22 Readiness, Veterans' Care, Katrina Recovery, and  
23 Iraq Accountability Appropriations Act, 2007 (Pub-  
24 lic Law 110–28);

25 (2) the independent review panel established by  
26 the Secretary of Transportation to monitor the dem-

1 onstration project referred to in section 1(a) shall  
2 transmit to Congress a report—

3 (A) evaluating the effects that the dem-  
4 onstration project has had on motor carrier  
5 safety, including an analysis of any accidents  
6 involving motor carriers participating in the  
7 demonstration project; and

8 (B) containing recommendations for modi-  
9 fications to the process of granting authority to  
10 a motor carrier domiciled in Mexico to operate  
11 beyond United States municipalities and com-  
12 mercial zones on the United States-Mexico bor-  
13 der and for monitoring the future operations of  
14 such carriers in the United States, in order to  
15 enhance safety;

16 (3) the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a  
17 report detailing the implementation of and the par-  
18 ticipation of motor carriers in the demonstration  
19 project referred to in section 1(a), including—

20 (A) the number and names of United  
21 States and Mexico domiciled motor carriers that  
22 participated in the demonstration project and  
23 the number of vehicles each motor carrier uti-  
24 lized in the demonstration project;

1 (B) the number of border crossings by  
2 motor carriers participating in the demonstra-  
3 tion project, including the number of crossings  
4 which resulted in a motor carrier traveling be-  
5 yond United States municipalities and commer-  
6 cial zones on the United States-Mexico border;

7 (C) an itemization of safety and oper-  
8 ational violations identified among motor car-  
9 riers participating in the demonstration project  
10 in pre-authorization safety audits, compliance  
11 reviews, and roadside inspections, including a  
12 review of the most frequent types of violations;

13 (D) an analysis of the cost to the Federal  
14 Government and State partners of imple-  
15 menting the demonstration project, including  
16 administrative costs, safety monitoring and en-  
17 forcement costs, and the cost of installing glob-  
18 al positioning system units on participating ve-  
19 hicles; and

20 (E) measures taken by the Secretary to  
21 terminate the authority of motor carriers par-  
22 ticipating in the demonstration project to oper-  
23 ate beyond United States municipalities and  
24 commercial zones on the United States-Mexico  
25 border after September 6, 2008, and ensure

1           that such motor carriers cease long-haul oper-  
2           ations.

Passed the House of Representatives September 9,  
2008.

Attest:                   LORRAINE C. MILLER,  
*Clerk.*