

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE

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At the end of subtitle A of title IV of division B of the bill, add the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . OPERATION OF SMALL COMMERCIAL VEHICLES**
2 **STUDY.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the
4 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation shall initiate a review of the prevalence of, charac-
6 teristics of, and safe operation of commercial vehicles that
7 have a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight
8 below 10,000 pounds, and are utilized in package delivery
9 of goods moving in interstate commerce.

10 (b) INDEPENDENT RESEARCH.—If the Secretary de-
11 cides to enter into a contract with a third party to perform
12 the research required under subsection (a), the Secretary
13 shall—

14 (1) solicit applications from research institu-
15 tions that conduct objective, fact-based research to
16 conduct the study; and

17 (2) ensure that such third party does not have
18 any financial or contractual ties with an entity en-

1 gaged in interstate commerce utilizing commercial
2 vehicles or commercial motor vehicles.

3 (c) ENTITIES INCLUDED.—As part of the review, the
4 Secretary shall collect information from a cross-section of
5 companies that use fleets of such vehicles for package de-
6 livery in interstate commerce, including companies that—

7 (1) directly perform deliveries; use contracted
8 entities to perform work; and

9 (2) utilize a combination of direct deliveries and
10 contract entities.

11 (d) EVALUATION FACTORS.—The review shall include
12 an evaluation of the following:

13 (1) Fleet characteristics, including fleet struc-
14 ture, and vehicle miles traveled.

15 (2) Fleet management, including scheduling of
16 deliveries and maintenance practices.

17 (3) Driver employment characteristics, includ-
18 ing the basis of compensation and classification.

19 (4) How training, medical fitness, hours on
20 duty, and safety of drivers is evaluated and overseen
21 by companies, including prevention of occupational
22 injuries and illnesses.

23 (5) Safety performance metrics, based on data
24 associated with the included entities, including crash

1 rates, moving violations, failed inspections, and other
2 related data points.

3 (6) Financial responsibility and liability for
4 safety or maintenance violations among companies,
5 fleet managers, and drivers.

6 (7) Loading and unloading practices, and how
7 package placement in the vehicle is determined.

8 (8) Other relevant information determined nec-
9 essary by the Secretary in order to make rec-
10 ommendations under subsection (e).

11 (e) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Upon com-
12 pletion of the review, the Secretary shall submit to the
13 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the
14 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
15 merce of the Senate a report containing—

16 (1) the findings of the Secretary on each of the
17 factors in (d);

18 (2) a list of regulations applicable to commer-
19 cial motor vehicles and commercial motor vehicle op-
20 erators that are not applicable to commercial vehicle
21 operations described in this section; and

22 (3) recommendations, based on the findings, on
23 changes to laws or regulations at the Federal, State,
24 or local level to promote safe operations and safe

1 and fair working conditions for commercial vehicle
2 operators.

