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H. R. 5773

To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to vehicle weight limitations for certain vehicles hauling perishable commodities or products, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Mr. WOODALL (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia) 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 “Freight Restriction
5 Elimination for Safer Hauling Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS-INTERSTATE SYS-**
7 **TEM.**

8 Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(v) VEHICLES HAULING PERISHABLE COMMOD-
2 ITIES OR PRODUCTS.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may waive the ap-
4 plication of any vehicle weight limit established
5 under this section with respect to a covered vehicle
6 hauling a perishable commodity or product.

7 “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8 “(A) COVERED VEHICLE HAULING A PER-
9 ISHABLE COMMODITY OR PRODUCT.—The term
10 ‘covered vehicle hauling a perishable commodity
11 or product’ means a vehicle that—

12 “(i) is carrying—

13 “(I) a perishable agricultural
14 commodity (as defined in section
15 1(b)(4) of the Perishable Agricultural
16 Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C.
17 499a(b)(4));

18 “(II) concrete in an unhardened
19 state;

20 “(III) live poultry;

21 “(IV) raw or unfinished forest
22 products, including logs, pulpwood,
23 biomass, or wood chips;

24 “(V) livestock feed; or

1 “(VI) other products or commod-
2 ities that could be deemed not useful
3 after a specified amount of time in ac-
4 cordance with industry standards and
5 practices, as defined by a State;

6 “(ii) meets the weight tolerances (or
7 weight limits) and vehicle configurations of
8 the State in which the vehicle is operating
9 and, if applicable, point of origin radius
10 distances within the State boundaries in
11 which the vehicle is operating; and

12 “(iii) is equipped with speed-limiting
13 technology that is turned on and set at a
14 speed not greater than the lesser of—

15 “(I) the posted speed limit; or

16 “(II) 65 miles per hour.

17 “(B) SPEED-LIMITING TECHNOLOGY.—The
18 term ‘speed-limiting technology’ means a tech-
19 nology that prevents a commercial motor vehicle
20 from exceeding a preprogramed maximum
21 speed.”.

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