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To amend title 49, United States Code, relating to inspection of commercial motor vehicles entering the United States along the United States-Mexico border, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 14, 2001

Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. COSTELLO, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. DEFAZIO, Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois, and Mr. RAHALL) 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 “Foreign Truck Safety
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 49.**

2 Section 31142 of title 49, United States Code, is
3 amended by adding at the end the following:

4 “(g) INSPECTION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.—

5 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—No commercial motor ve-
6 hicle that enters the United States along the United
7 States-Mexico border after the 90th day following
8 the date of enactment of this subsection may be op-
9 erated in the United States by a foreign motor car-
10 rier or a foreign motor private carrier (as such
11 terms are defined under section 13102) unless such
12 vehicle has passed, in the 12-month period preceding
13 such entry into the United States, an inspection
14 under subsection (a).

15 “(2) FEES.—The Secretary or a State con-
16 ducting inspections to carry out this subsection may
17 impose and collect such fees on foreign motor car-
18 riers and foreign motor private carriers as may be
19 necessary to cover the costs of such inspections.

20 “(3) LIMITATIONS ON STATUTORY CONSTRUC-
21 TION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed
22 to—

23 “(A) prohibit a commercial motor vehicle
24 from being operated without compensation in
25 the United States for the sole purpose of reach-

1 ing the place of inspection closest to its border
2 crossing point; and

3 “(B) authorize the operation of a commer-
4 cial motor vehicle in the United States by a for-
5 eign motor carrier or a foreign motor private
6 carrier if such vehicle has failed its most recent
7 inspection under subsection (a) and has not had
8 the necessary repairs to correct the defects
9 identified in such inspection.”.

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