

“(A) performs the highway portion of the intermodal movement; or

“(B) assumes the responsibility for any weight-related fine or penalty incurred by any other motor carrier that performs a part of the highway transportation.”.

SEC. 205. PROHIBITIONS.

Section 5903 (relating to prohibitions) is amended—

(1) by inserting after “person” a comma and the following: “To whom section 5902(b) applies.”;

(2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following:

“(b) TRANSPORTING PRIOR TO RECEIVING CERTIFICATION.—

“(1) PRESUMPTION.—If no certification is received by a motor carrier before or when a loaded intermodal container or trailer is tendered to it, the motor carrier may presume that the gross cargo weight of the container or trailer is less than 29,001 pounds.

“(2) COPY OF CERTIFICATION NOT REQUIRED TO ACCOMPANY CONTAINER OR TRAILER.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, a copy of the certification required by section 5902(b) is not required to accompany the intermodal container or trailer.”;

(3) by striking “10,000 pounds (including packing materials and pallets)” in subsection (c)(1) and inserting “29,000 pounds”; and

(4) by adding at the end the following:

“(d) NOTICE TO LEASED OPERATORS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—If a motor carrier knows that the gross cargo weight of an intermodal container or trailer subject to the certification requirements of section 5902(b) would result in a violation of applicable State gross vehicle weight laws, then—

“(A) the motor carrier shall give notice to the operator of a vehicle which is leased by the vehicle operator to a motor carrier that transports an intermodal container or trailer of the gross cargo weight of the container or trailer as certified to the motor carrier under section 5902(b);

“(B) the notice shall be provided to the operator prior to the operator being tendered the container or trailer;

“(C) the notice required by this subsection shall be in writing, but may be transmitted electronically; and

“(D) the motor carrier shall bear the burden of proof to establish that it tendered the required notice to the operator.

“(2) REIMBURSEMENT.—If the operator of a leased vehicle transporting a container or trailer subject to this chapter is fined because of a violation of a State’s gross vehicle weight laws or regulations and the lessee motor carrier cannot establish that it tendered to the operator the notice required by paragraph (1) of this subsection, then the operator shall be entitled to reimbursement from the motor carrier in the amount of any fine and court costs resulting from the failure of the motor carrier to tender the notice to the operator.”.

SEC. 206. LIENS.

Section 5905 (relating to liens) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (a) and inserting the following:

“(a) GENERAL.—If a person involved in the intermodal transportation of a loaded container or trailer for which a certification is required by section 5902(b) of this title is required, because of a violation of a State’s gross vehicle weight laws or regulations, to post a bond or pay a fine, penalty, cost (including storage), or interest resulting from—

“(1) erroneous information provided by the certifying party in the certification to the first carrier in violation of section 5903(a) of this title;

“(2) the failure of the party required to provide the certification to the first carrier to provide it;

“(3) the failure of a person required under section 5902(c) to forward the certification to forward it; or

“(4) an error occurring in the transfer of information on the certification to another document under section 5902(b)(3) or (c), then the person posting the bond, or paying the fine, penalty, costs (including storage), or interest has a lien against the contents equal to the amount of the bond, fine, penalty, cost (including storage), or interest incurred, until the person receives a payment of that amount from the owner or beneficial owner of the contents, or from the person responsible for making or forwarding the certification, or transferring the information from the certification to another document.”;

(2) by inserting a comma and “or the owner or beneficial owner of the contents,” after “first carrier” in subsection 9(b)(1); and

(3) by striking “cost, or interest.” in subsection (b)(1) and inserting “cost (including storage), or interest. The lien shall remain in effect until the lien holder has received payment for all costs and expenses described in subsection (a) of this section.”.

SEC. 207. PERISHABLE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES.

Section 5906 (relating to perishable agricultural commodities) is amended by striking “Sections 5904(a)(2) an 5905 of this title do” and inserting “Section 5905 of this title does”.

SEC. 208. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5907 (relating to regulations and effective date) is amended to read as follows:

“§ 5907. Effective date

“This chapter shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of the Intermodal Safe Container Transportation Amendments Act of 1996.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 59 is amended by striking the item relating to section 5907 and inserting the following:

“5907. Effective date”.

SEC. 209. RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LAWS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 59 is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“§ 5908. Relationship to other laws

“Nothing in this chapter affects—

“(1) chapter 51 (relating to transportation of hazardous material) or the regulations promulgated under that chapter; or

“(2) any State highway weight or size law or regulation applicable to tractor-trailer combinations.”.

(b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for such chapter is amended by adding at the end thereof the following:

“5908. Relationship to other laws”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, recognized Mr. SHUSTER and Mr. LIPINSKI, each for 20 minutes.

After debate,

The question being put, viva voce, Will the House suspend the rules and agree to said amendment?

The SPEAKER pro tempore, Mr. GUTKNECHT, announced that two-thirds of the Members present had voted in the affirmative.

So, two-thirds of the Members present having voted in favor thereof, the rules were suspended and said amendment was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby the rules were suspended and

said amendment was agreed to was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk notify the Senate thereof.

¶115.43 CORRECT ENROLLMENT—H.R. 3159

Mr. SHUSTER, by unanimous consent, submitted the following concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 221):

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That, in the enrollment of the bill H.R. 3159, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall make the following corrections:

(1) In section 5902(b) proposed to be inserted in title 49, United States Code, by section 204(b), strike “electric” and insert “electronic”.

(2) In section 204(e)(1), by inserting after “respectively” the following: “, and by moving the text of paragraph (2), as so redesignated down 1 line and to the left, flush full measure and indenting such paragraph”.

(3) In section 205(1), by inserting “in subsection (a)” before “a comma”.

(4) In paragraph (4) of section 5905(a) proposed to be inserted in title 49, United States Code, by section 206, after “(c),”, move the remainder of the text of the paragraph down 1 line and to the left flush full measure.

(5) In section 206(2), by striking “9(b)(1)” and inserting “(b)(1)”.

When said concurrent resolution was considered and agreed to.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said concurrent resolution was agreed to was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said concurrent resolution.

¶115.44 W. EDWARDS DEMING FEDERAL BUILDING

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the House considered the bill (H.R. 3535) to redesignate a Federal building in Suitland, Maryland, as the “W. Edwards Deming Federal Building”.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.

¶115.45 ROBERT KURTZ RODIBAUGH UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE

On motion of Mr. GILCHREST, by unanimous consent, the House considered the bill (H.R. 3576) to designate the United States courthouse located at 401 South Michigan Street in South Bend, Indiana, as the “Robert Kurtz Rodibaugh United States Courthouse”.

When said bill was considered and read twice.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read a third time by title, and passed.

A motion to reconsider the vote whereby said bill was passed was, by unanimous consent, laid on the table.

Ordered, That the Clerk request the concurrence of the Senate in said bill.