Dear Friends:

After decades of advocacy, Road Safe America is very pleased to announce that the Electronic Logging Device Final Rule went into effect in December 2017! Truck drivers can no longer use self-maintained, hand-written logbooks, which were easily falsified, in order to drive longer hours than federally allowed. While we are sure many drivers did their best to accurately keep their logbooks, logbook falsification has been among the most commonly charged violations against drivers for years. Due to the pay by the mile compensation system, too many truckers have routinely falsified their logbooks and driven beyond the allowed hours to make more money. Consequently, driving more than the allowed eleven hours per day has contributed to big-rig driver fatigue. By requiring electronic logging devices, drivers must now adhere to the hours of service rules and limit their drive time accordingly. Clearly ELDs will reduce the incidence of sleepy drivers behind the wheels of tractor-trailers. This is a significant achievement for the truck safety community!

Road Safe America is continuing to pressure the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) to expand and finalize the Heavy Vehicle Speed Limiter Rule, which remains a long-term action item. We and our colleagues urge the Secretary of Transportation as well as other leaders in the transportation agencies to finalize this life-saving rule immediately. The speed limiter rule coupled with the electronic logging device requirement will save lives and prevent injuries, so prevalent now, by automatically limiting truckers’ speed and drive-time.

In other national safety news, the proposed Stop Underrides Act promises to reduce the number of deaths and injuries that occur in “underride crashes”. These crashes are frequently quite severe because there are significant height differences between passenger vehicles and tractor trailers. Please see the back page for a summary of this much-needed amendment to truck safety standards.

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That’s right. Currently it is legal to operate a commercial truck with only $750,000 of insurance for each crash. This, of course, is woefully inadequate. If this amount was raised to keep up with inflation, the minimum level of insurance would exceed $2,000,000; for medical cost inflation that amount would be more than $4,000,000. Clearly, this amount should be increased to a sufficient level that can, at the very least, cover the medical expenses for just one crash victim, which can (and does) often cost significantly more than $750,000.

While the FMCSA is pushing to have the rates increased, the independent truckers strongly oppose paying a higher premium. Yet, the original intent behind minimum insurance requirements was to erect a barrier to entry against unsafe and underinsured motor carriers from getting into this inherently dangerous industry. Unfortunately, neglecting to update this amount has blunted the effectiveness of minimum insurance acting as a barrier. This requirement must be brought up to date and indexed to a reasonable amount.
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Drivers Under the Age of 21 Are Not the Solution — RSA Says “NO” to The WHEEL Act

The truck driving profession has had a long history of extremely high turn-over as well as a shortage of truck drivers. In fact, the trucking industry consistently has a 100% annual turnover rate among drivers. That’s right, on average every truck driver changes employers once per year. Obviously, some drivers are with the same company for decades, meaning that many others work for multiple employing companies in a single year. This makes it extremely challenging to maintain a properly trained, qualified pool of truly professional drivers.

In order to overcome this perennial shortage of qualified truck drivers, the WHEEL Act (Waiving Hindrances to Economic Enterprise and Labor), is being considered by Congress. This bill would allow 18 to 21 year olds to operate big-rigs interstate. Under current regulations, you must be 21 years of age to drive a tractor-trailer across state lines. It is alarming enough to realize that teenaged commercial driving is already permitted within some state boundaries.

Statistics clearly indicate that younger drivers have much higher crash rates than do older operators. In addition, trucking remains one of the country’s deadliest jobs - nearly 800 truck drivers are killed every year on the job. In our opinion, it is not advisable to allow younger, less experienced drivers behind the wheel of an 80,000-lb. truck being driven cross-country.

RSA’s position is that the truck driver turnover problem stems directly from the prevalent pay method, a flat rate per mile driven. This pay method effectively holds drivers accountable for delays due to dock inefficiencies and traffic/weather. It also puts inordinate pressure on truck drivers and has made truck driving a job of last resort for many. When the trucking leaders finally treat their drivers professionally by paying them by the hour, for all of the time they work (whether their trucks are moving or being loaded, etc.) RSA believes that the turnover issue will resolve itself.

Electronic Logging Devices — Safety Technology at Work

Electronic logging devices are:

- affordable; costing just $170 to be compliant
- easy and simple to use
- effective; easily monitored and tamper resistant

Government agencies, safety advocates, and many trucking organizations support the mandate for ELDs.

FMCSA Deputy Administrator Cathy Gautreaux says it is an exciting time to be working in the transportation sector. Addressing the 97th annual meeting of the Transportation Research Board’s FMCSA Analysis, Research and Technology Forum, she said “Technology is the next frontier. We are on the cusp of revolutionary changes in the way we move both people and freight, and I am excited for what the future holds.”
Safer Trucking = Safer Families

RSA Supports the Stop Underrides Act

The Stop Underrides Act, introduced by Senators Rubio (Florida), Gillibrand (New York) and Representative Steve Cohen (Tennessee) will reduce the severity of underride crashes by providing additional protection to the rear and sides of tractor-trailers.

An “underride crash” occurs when a car collides with the side or rear of a tractor-trailer and, due to height differences, continues to travel underneath. This often results in serious injury to, or the death of the car’s occupants. Safety systems such as air bags rarely even deploy because they are triggered by collisions involving passenger vehicle hoods. Due to the height differences the initial collision point is with the passenger compartments. Sadly, about 200 people die every year and many others suffer life-altering injuries in these crashes due to the lack of safety standards for underride protections. Yet, most of these crashes are easily preventable.

The Stop Underrides Act would strengthen current rear underride guards and mandate the addition of side underride guards and front-override guards. It would also require existing tractor-trailers to be retrofitted with this safety feature and mandate periodic inspection and maintenance of all these protective guards. RSA joins other truck safety advocates in calling for positive action on this sensible solution.