

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT**

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**OFFERED BY MR. RIBBLE OF WISCONSIN**

At the end of subtitle D of title I of Division A, add the following:

1 **SEC. \_\_\_\_ . MODERNIZED WEIGHT LIMITATIONS FOR CER-**  
2 **TAIN VEHICLES.**

3 Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is further  
4 amended by adding at the end the following:

5 “(n) **ADDITIONAL EXCEPTION TO WEIGHT REQUIRE-**  
6 **MENTS.—**

7 “(1) **IN GENERAL.—**Notwithstanding subsection  
8 (a), a State may authorize a vehicle with a maximum gross weight, including all enforcement tolerances, that exceeds the maximum gross weight otherwise applicable under subsection (a) to operate on Interstate System routes in the State, if—

13 “(A) the vehicle is equipped with at least  
14 6 axles;

15 “(B) the weight of any single axle on the  
16 vehicle does not exceed 20,000 pounds, including enforcement tolerances;  
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1           “(C) the weight of any tandem axle on the  
2 vehicle does not exceed 34,000 pounds, includ-  
3 ing enforcement tolerances;

4           “(D) the weight of any group of 3 or more  
5 axles on the vehicle does not exceed 45,000  
6 pounds, including enforcement tolerances;

7           “(E) the gross weight of the vehicle does  
8 not exceed 91,000 pounds, including enforce-  
9 ment tolerances; and

10           “(F) the vehicle complies with the bridge  
11 formula in subsection (a)(2) of this section.

12           “(2) SPECIAL RULES.—

13           “(A) OTHER EXCEPTIONS NOT AF-  
14 FECTED.—This subsection shall not restrict—

15           “(i) a vehicle that may operate under  
16 any other provision of this section or an-  
17 other Federal law; or

18           “(ii) a State’s authority with respect  
19 to a vehicle that may operate under any  
20 other provision of this section or another  
21 Federal law.

22           “(B) MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION.—A  
23 State may implement this subsection by any  
24 means, including statute or rule of general ap-  
25 plicability, by special permit, or otherwise.

1           “(3) ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT.—

2                   “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may  
3 issue such regulations as are necessary to re-  
4 quire a vehicle operating pursuant to this sub-  
5 section to include 1 item of additional equip-  
6 ment not otherwise required by law. The Sec-  
7 retary may issue such regulations only if the  
8 equipment item to be required is available at  
9 the time a rule is proposed.

10                   “(B) COMMENT.—In issuing regulations  
11 pursuant to this paragraph, the Secretary shall  
12 invite comment on the effective date of any pro-  
13 posed equipment requirement.

14                   “(C) LIMITED AUTHORITY.—The authority  
15 to issue regulations pursuant to this paragraph  
16 applies only to a rule that is published as a  
17 final rule in the Federal Register not later than  
18 the date that is 6 months after the date of en-  
19 actment of this subsection.

20           “(4) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—

21                   “(A) TRIENNIAL REPORT.—If a State,  
22 pursuant to paragraph (1), authorizes vehicles  
23 described in such paragraph to operate on  
24 Interstate System routes in the State, the State

1           shall submit to the Secretary a triennial report  
2           containing—

3                   “(i) an identification of highway  
4                   routes in the State, including routes not on  
5                   the Interstate System, on which the State  
6                   so authorizes such vehicles to operate;

7                   “(ii) a description of any gross vehicle  
8                   weight limit applicable to such vehicles so  
9                   authorized and of any operating require-  
10                  ments applicable to such vehicles that are  
11                  in addition to requirements applicable to  
12                  all commercial motor vehicles;

13                  “(iii) the number of crashes that oc-  
14                  curred in the State involving such vehicles  
15                  so authorized on the Interstate System, the  
16                  number of such crashes involving fatalities,  
17                  and the number of such crashes involving  
18                  non-fatal injuries;

19                  “(iv) estimated vehicle miles traveled  
20                  on the Interstate System in the State by  
21                  such vehicles so authorized; and

22                  “(v) other information, such as the  
23                  gross vehicle weight of a vehicle operating  
24                  pursuant to the authority of this sub-  
25                  section at the time of a crash, as the Sec-

1           retary and the State jointly determine nec-  
2           essary.

3           “(B) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—The Sec-  
4           retary shall make all information required  
5           under subparagraph (A) available to the public.

6           “(5) TERMINATION AS TO ROUTE SEGMENT.—  
7           The Secretary may terminate the operation of vehi-  
8           cles authorized by a State under this subsection on  
9           a specific Interstate System route segment if, after  
10          the effective date of a decision of a State to allow  
11          vehicles to operate pursuant to paragraph (1), the  
12          Secretary determines that such operation poses an  
13          unreasonable safety risk based on an engineering  
14          analysis of the route segment or an analysis of safe-  
15          ty or other applicable data from the route segment.

16          “(6) WAIVER OF HIGHWAY FUNDING REDUC-  
17          TION.—Notwithstanding subsection (a), the total  
18          amount of funds apportioned to a State under sec-  
19          tion 104(b)(1) for any period may not be reduced  
20          under subsection (a) if the State authorizes a vehicle  
21          described in paragraph (1) to operate on the Inter-  
22          state System in the State in accordance with this  
23          subsection.

24          “(7) PRESERVING STATE AND LOCAL AUTHOR-  
25          ITY REGARDING NON-INTERSTATE SYSTEM HIGH-

1       WAYS.—Subsection (b) of this section shall not apply  
2       to motor vehicles operating on the Interstate System  
3       solely under the authority provided by this sub-  
4       section.”.

