AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

OF H.R. 7

OFFERED BY MR. JOHNSON OF GEORGIA

After section 6607 of the bill, insert the following new section (and redesignate subsequent sections of the bill, and conform the table of contents of the bill, accordingly):

SEC. 6608. COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF FEDERAL AND STATE EXEMPTIONS FROM FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY REGULATIONS.

(a) COMPREHENSIVE MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY EXEMPTIONS STUDY.—Not later than 90 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary, in consultation with relevant State agencies and other relevant Federal agencies, shall commence a comprehensive study—

(1) to identify all exemptions from the Federal motor carrier safety regulations contained in chapter III of subtitle B of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as in effect on the date the study is commenced;

(2) to identify the source of each exemption, the date on which each exemption went into effect, and the duration of each exemption; and
(3) to evaluate the impact of each exemption on commercial motor vehicle and motor carrier safety.

(b) Exemptions Included in Study.—Motor carrier safety exemptions to be identified in the study shall include any State regulation that is enforced in lieu of a regulation contained in chapter III of subtitle B of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, and any exemption granted by Federal law that permits a motor carrier, commercial motor vehicle, or driver to operate a vehicle without complying with any such regulation, including exemptions issued with respect to each of the following:

(1) Minimum standards for issuing a commercial driver’s license as specified in section 31308 of title 49, United States Code.

(2) Conducting of testing of operators of commercial motor vehicles for the use of a controlled substance through a program described in section 31306 of such title.

(3) Medical standards and requirements as specified in section 31149 of such title.

(4) Requirements for the hours of service of employees of motor carriers as authorized under section 31502 of such title.

(c) Report.—Not later than one year after the date that the study is commenced, the Secretary shall submit
a final report on the study, including all findings and recommendations, to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on Environment and Public Works of the Senate.