

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMMITTEE PRINT 117-**

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Page 1056, after line 15, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 4410. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WEIGHT CLASS**

2 **DISTINCTIONS.**

3 (a) **REGULATORY APPLICABILITY RESEARCH.—**

4 (1) **IN GENERAL.—**Not later than 120 days  
5 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Sec-  
6 retary of Transportation shall initiate a study to de-  
7 termine if the current applicability of the Federal  
8 Motor Carrier Safety Regulations based on a com-  
9 mercial motor vehicle's gross vehicle weight rating or  
10 actual weight provides the greatest level of safety.

11 (2) **EVALUATION FACTORS.—**In carrying out  
12 the research under paragraph (1), the Secretary  
13 shall include an evaluation of the following:

14 (A) The frequency of crashes and fatalities  
15 in relation to a vehicle's weight.

16 (B) If the 10,001 pounds minimum thresh-  
17 old for a vehicle to be considered a commercial  
18 motor vehicle should be changed.

1 (C) If safety would be improved by amend-  
2 ing the weight class of vehicles requiring drug  
3 and alcohol testing for drivers.

4 (D) If safety would be improved by amend-  
5 ing the weight class of vehicles requiring a driv-  
6 er to have a commercial drivers license.

7 (E) If amending weight class distinctions  
8 would improve uniformity of data collection be-  
9 tween the States and other Federal agencies.

10 (F) Other relevant information determined  
11 necessary by the Secretary in order to make  
12 recommendations under paragraph (3).

13 (3) REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS.—Not  
14 later than 18 months after the date that the Sec-  
15 retary initiates the study under paragraph (1), the  
16 Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Trans-  
17 portation and Infrastructure of the House of Rep-  
18 resentatives and the Committee on Commerce,  
19 Science, and Transportation of the Senate and pub-  
20 lish publicly a report containing—

21 (A) the findings of the Secretary on each  
22 of the factors in paragraph (2);

23 (B) a list of regulations applicable to com-  
24 mercial motor vehicles and commercial motor

1           vehicle operators based on a vehicle's gross ve-  
2           hicle weight rating or actual weight; and

3                   (C) recommendations, based on the find-  
4           ings, on changes to laws or regulations at the  
5           Federal level to promote safe operations.

6           (b) CONSULTATION.—The Secretary shall consult  
7           with State motor carrier enforcement entities in carrying  
8           out this section.

