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To exempt certain livestock hauling vehicles from regulations relating to hours of service and electronic logging devices, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 17, 2025

Mr. HURD of Colorado (for himself, Mr. MANN, Mr. EVANS of Colorado, and Mr. ROSE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Hauling Exemptions
5 for Livestock Protection Act” or the “HELP Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXCEPTION FROM ELECTRONIC LOGGING DEVICES**
2 **AND HOURS OF SERVICE REGULATIONS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—A covered livestock hauling vehi-
4 cle, including the individual operating such vehicle, shall
5 be exempt from—

6 (1) any requirement relating to hours of service
7 established under—

8 (A) subchapter III of chapter 311 of title
9 49, United States Code; or

10 (B) chapter 315 of title 49, United States
11 Code; and

12 (2) any requirement relating to electronic log-
13 ging devices established under section 31137 of title
14 49, United States Code.

15 (b) UNLADEN VEHICLES.—An unladen covered live-
16 stock hauling vehicle picking up or returning from deliv-
17 ering livestock shall be covered under the exemption under
18 subsection (a).

19 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

20 (1) COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term
21 “commercial motor vehicle” has the meaning given
22 such term in section 31132 of title 49, United
23 States Code.

24 (2) COVERED LIVESTOCK HAULING VEHICLE.—
25 The term “covered livestock hauling vehicle” means

1 a commercial motor vehicle transporting livestock,
2 insects, or aquatic animals.

3 (3) LIVESTOCK.—The term “livestock” means
4 livestock (as such term is defined in section 602 of
5 the Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Act of
6 1988 (7 U.S.C. 1471)), insects, all other living ani-
7 mals cultivated, grown, or raised for commercial
8 purposes, and live aquatic animals that have been
9 caught, taken, or harvested.

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