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1ST SESSION

H. R. 5268

To amend title 28, United States Code, to provide for Federal district court jurisdiction for highway accident actions against interstate motor carriers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Mr. BARRETT) introduced the following bill;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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 “Forum Accountability
5 and Integrity in Roadway Trucking Act” or the “FAIR
6 Trucking Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT JURISDICTION FOR**
2 **HIGHWAY ACCIDENT ACTIONS AGAINST**
3 **INTERSTATE MOTOR CARRIERS.**

4 (a) APPLICATION OF FEDERAL JURISDICTION.—Sec-
5 tion 1332 of title 28, United States Code, is amended—

6 (1) by redesignating subsection (e) as sub-
7 section (f); and

8 (2) by inserting after subsection (d) the fol-
9 lowing:

10 “(e)(1) The district courts shall have original juris-
11 diction of any civil action—

12 “(A) alleging bodily harm or loss of life involv-
13 ing one or more commercial motor vehicles, as de-
14 fined in section 31101 of title 49, operating on a
15 public road in interstate commerce;

16 “(B) in which the matter in controversy exceeds
17 the sum or value of \$5,000,000, exclusive of interest
18 and costs; and

19 “(C) is a civil action in which—

20 “(i) any plaintiff is a citizen of a State dif-
21 ferent from any defendant;

22 “(ii) any plaintiff is a foreign state or a
23 citizen or subject of a foreign state and any de-
24 fendant is a citizen of a State; or

1 “(iii) any plaintiff is a citizen of a State
2 and any defendant is a foreign state or a citizen
3 or subject of a foreign state.

4 “(2) Citizenship of plaintiffs shall be deter-
5 mined for purposes of paragraph (1) as of the date
6 of filing of the complaint or amended complaint, or,
7 if the case stated by the initial pleading is not sub-
8 ject to Federal jurisdiction, as of the date of service
9 by plaintiffs of an amended pleading, motion, or
10 other paper, indicating the existence of Federal ju-
11 risdiction.

12 “(3) For purposes of this subsection, an unin-
13 corporated association shall be deemed to be a cit-
14 izen of the State where it has its principal place of
15 business and the State under whose laws it is orga-
16 nized.”.

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