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To amend title 49, United States Code, to prohibit the use of predatory commercial motor vehicle lease-purchase programs by certain motor carriers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. BROWNLEY 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 “Predatory Truck Leas-
5 ing Prevention Act of 2025”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON PREDATORY COMMERCIAL**
2 **MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREE-**
3 **MENT PROGRAMS.**

4 Section 14102 of title 49, United States Code, is
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(c) PROHIBITION ON PREDATORY COMMERCIAL
7 MOTOR VEHICLE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT PRO-
8 GRAM.—

9 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after
10 the date of enactment of this subsection, the Sec-
11 retary shall promulgate regulations to prohibit the
12 use of predatory commercial motor vehicle lease-pur-
13 chase programs by motor carriers providing trans-
14 portation subject to jurisdiction under subchapter I
15 of chapter 135.

16 “(2) RELIEF PROVISION.—In promulgating reg-
17 ulations pursuant to paragraph (1), the Secretary
18 shall establish a process by which drivers can be
19 granted relief from the terms of a lease-purchase
20 agreement if—

21 “(A) the Secretary finds that the terms of
22 the lease-purchase agreement violated regula-
23 tions issued pursuant to paragraph (1); and

24 “(B) the lease-purchase agreement was en-
25 tered into after the effective date of the regula-
26 tions issued pursuant to paragraph (1).

1 “(3) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

2 “(A) PREDATORY COMMERCIAL MOTOR VE-
3 HICLE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT PRO-
4 GRAM.—The term ‘predatory commercial motor
5 vehicle lease-purchase agreement program’
6 means the framework of motor carrier-driver
7 relationship, including the lease-purchase agree-
8 ment, the contract for the driver’s work for the
9 motor carrier, and the motor carrier’s practices
10 in implementing the contracts that are not pro-
11 vided in the contract, including the motor car-
12 rier’s recruitment practices, operational prac-
13 tices, and tax and finance practices, whereby
14 the motor carrier controls the work, compensa-
15 tion, and debts of the driver, and the driver ac-
16 crues no equity or is forced to give up equity
17 accrued in the contracted truck.

18 “(B) LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT.—The
19 term ‘lease-purchase agreement’ means a finan-
20 cial contract by which a driver leases a commer-
21 cial motor vehicle from a motor carrier (or a
22 firm affiliated with such motor carrier) to haul
23 freight while driving for the same motor carrier
24 under a separate contract.”.

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