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H. R. 6642

To amend title 49, United States Code, to authorize limited operation of commercial motor vehicles for eligible drivers under age 21 in interstate commerce, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. HAGEMAN 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 “Responsible Oppor-
5 tunity for Under-21 Trucking Engagement Act” or the
6 “ROUTE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITED INTERSTATE OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL**
2 **MOTOR VEHICLES FOR DRIVERS UNDER 21.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 313 of title 49, United
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
5 lowing:

6 **“§ 31318. Limited interstate operation for drivers**
7 **under 21**

8 “(a) DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE DRIVER.—In this
9 section, the term ‘eligible driver’ means an individual
10 who—

11 “(1) holds a commercial driver’s license limited
12 to intrastate operation of a commercial motor vehi-
13 cle; and

14 “(2) is—

15 “(A) not less than 18 years old; and

16 “(B) less than 21 years old.

17 “(b) LIMITED INTERSTATE OPERATION OF COMMER-
18 CIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.—Notwithstanding any other pro-
19 vision of law, an eligible driver may operate a commercial
20 motor vehicle in interstate commerce (as defined in section
21 31132) within a 150 air-mile radius of the normal work
22 reporting location of the eligible driver, subject to the con-
23 ditions that—

24 “(1) not more than 14 consecutive hours after
25 departing from that normal work reporting location,

1 the eligible driver returns to that normal work re-
2 porting location and is released from work;

3 “(2) the eligible driver has at least 10 consec-
4 tive hours off duty separating each on-duty period
5 described in paragraph (1); and

6 “(3) the normal work reporting location of the
7 eligible driver remains in the State in which the eli-
8 gible driver holds a commercial driver’s license de-
9 scribed in subsection (a)(1).”.

10 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chap-
11 ter 313 of title 49, United States Code, is amended by
12 adding at the end the following:

“31318. Limited interstate operation for drivers under 21.”.

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