

108TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 871

To amend the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995 concerning the applicability of hours of service requirements to drivers operating commercial motor vehicles transporting agricultural commodities and farm supplies.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

Mr. BEREUTER (for himself and Mr. MORAN of Kansas) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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. OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHI-**  
4 **CLES TRANSPORTING AGRICULTURAL COM-**  
5 **MODITIES AND FARM SUPPLIES.**

6 (a) EXEMPTIONS FROM HOURS OF SERVICE RE-  
7 QUIREMENTS.—

1           (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 345(c) of the Na-  
2           tional Highway System Designation Act of 1995 (49  
3           U.S.C. 31136 note; 109 Stat. 613) is amended by  
4           striking “other than paragraph (2)” and inserting  
5           “other than paragraph (1) or (2) of such sub-  
6           section”.

7           (2) EFFECT ON PREVIOUS ACTIONS.—The ex-  
8           emption provided by section 345(a)(1) of the Na-  
9           tional Highway System Designation Act (49 U.S.C.  
10          31136 note; 109 Stat. 613) shall be effective not-  
11          withstanding any action taken by the Secretary of  
12          Transportation under section 345(c) of such Act be-  
13          fore the date of enactment of this Act.

14          (b) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY DEFINED.—Section  
15          345(e) of the National Highway System Designation Act  
16          of 1995 (49 U.S.C. 31136 note; 109 Stat. 614) is amend-  
17          ed—

18                 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (3) through  
19                 (6) as paragraphs (4) through (7), respectively; and

20                 (2) by inserting after paragraph (2) the fol-  
21                 lowing:

22                         “(3) AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY.—The term  
23                         ‘agricultural commodity’ has the meaning given that

1 term by section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act  
2 of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602).”.

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