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H. R. 1773

To limit the authority of the Secretary of Transportation to grant authority to motor carriers domiciled in Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 29, 2007

Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas (for herself, Mr. DEFAZIO, and Mr. OBERSTAR) 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 “Safe American Roads
5 Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION ON GRANTING AUTHORITY.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation
8 may not grant authority to a motor carrier domiciled in

1 Mexico to operate beyond United States municipalities and
2 commercial zones on the United States-Mexico border, ex-
3 cept under a pilot program that meets the requirements
4 of this Act and that the Secretary conducts.

5 (b) PILOT PROGRAM.—The pilot program referred to
6 in subsection (a) shall—

7 (1) comply with the requirements of section 350
8 of Public Law 107–87;

9 (2) comply with the requirements of section
10 31315(c) of title 49, United States Code; and

11 (3) not permit motor carriers domiciled in Mex-
12 ico to operate beyond United States municipalities
13 and commercial zones on the United States-Mexico
14 border until motor carriers domiciled in the United
15 States have been allowed to begin comparable oper-
16 ations in Mexico.

17 (c) PUBLIC NOTIFICATION.—In complying with the
18 requirements of section 31315(c) of title 49, United States
19 Code, the Secretary shall publish in the Federal Register
20 and provide notice and an opportunity for public comment
21 on—

22 (1) a detailed description of the pilot program,
23 including specific beginning and end dates for the
24 pilot program;

1 (2) a process by which the Secretary will revoke
2 Mexico-domiciled motor carrier operating authority
3 at the end of the pilot program;

4 (3) specific measures required by the Secretary
5 to protect the health and safety of the public, includ-
6 ing enforcement measures and penalties for non-
7 compliance; and

8 (4) specific metrics used to evaluate the pro-
9 gram and compare any change in the level of high-
10 way and motor carrier safety as a result of the pilot
11 program.

12 (d) TERMINATION DATE OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The
13 termination date of the pilot program shall not be later
14 than one year after the date of enactment of this Act.

15 (e) INSPECTOR GENERAL REVIEW.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Inspector General of
17 the Department of Transportation—

18 (A) shall monitor and review the pilot pro-
19 gram;

20 (B) not later than 270 days after the date
21 of initiation of the pilot program, shall submit
22 to Congress an interim report on the Inspector
23 General’s findings regarding the pilot program;
24 and

1 (C) not later than 90 days after the termi-
2 nation date of the pilot program, shall submit
3 to Congress a final report on such findings.

4 (2) SAFETY DETERMINATION.—The interim
5 and final reports submitted to Congress under this
6 subsection shall include the determination of the In-
7 spector General of whether the motor carriers domi-
8 ciled in Mexico and participating in the pilot pro-
9 gram are in compliance with all United States Fed-
10 eral motor carrier safety laws, including the provi-
11 sions detailed in section 350 of Public Law 107–87.

12 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 60 days
13 after the termination date of the pilot program, the Sec-
14 retary shall report to Congress on the results of the pilot
15 program. The report shall include a safety evaluation
16 based on the specific metrics identified by the Secretary
17 under subsection (c).

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