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H. R. 5584

To require the Secretary of Transportation to modify regulations concerning hours of service, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STEUBE 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 “Freedom from Regu-
5 lating Edible Supplies and Horticulture Trucking Act” or
6 the “FRESH Trucking Act”.

7 **SEC. 2. MODIFICATION OF HOURS OF SERVICE REGULA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment
10 of this Act, the Secretary shall amend part 395 of title

1 49, Code of Federal Regulations, to establish that, with
2 respect to a motor carrier or driver transporting any agri-
3 cultural, horticultural, or floricultural commodity (includ-
4 ing both fresh and processed products, as well as sod and
5 other agricultural products sensitive to temperature and
6 climate and at the risk of perishing in transit)—

7 (1) loading and unloading of commercial motor
8 vehicles shall be excluded from on-duty time require-
9 ments;

10 (2) there shall be no requirement of a 30-
11 minute rest break within the first 8 hours of the
12 hours of service on-duty requirements and such car-
13 rier or driver may take breaks at any time during
14 trip; and

15 (3) such carrier or driver may complete a
16 scheduled trip if they are over the hours of service
17 maximum on-duty drive schedule and are within 150
18 miles of their scheduled delivery point.

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