

# DANNEMILLER BULLETIN

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**ELECTRONIC LOGS** - A rule that would require truck operators to use electronic logging devices (ELD's) was initially planned to be released by mid-September. It has been delayed. It is now projected to be published in the Federal Register by October 30th. It is expected that the rule will take effect two years following publication, the date by which truck fleets, owner-operators and other drivers must be using devices that satisfy the rule's requirements. My experience with companies that have made the transition to ELD's usually involves some drivers being dead set against it, for various reasons, but who after a few months experience never want to go back to completing logs. No matter, it's coming!

**ANTI-COERCION** - This rule, expected to follow the same schedule, is expected to include procedures for drivers to report incidents of coercion to the FMCSA and the steps the agency will take in response. The rule will prohibit motor carriers, shippers, receivers and all transportation intermediaries from threatening drivers with loss of work or other economic opportunities for refusing to drive under circumstances those entities "knew, or should have known" would require the driver to violate the safety regulations. It is proposed the agency could impose a civil penalty of up to \$16,000 per violation and suspend or revoke operating authority registration.

**SPEED LIMITERS** - The DOT will also be issuing specifics on a rule to require the use of speed limiters. It is not known whether it will eventually apply to all trucks or just new trucks.

Feel free to call or write if any questions.

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