

BULLETIN

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(1) The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is encouraging traffic stops for Commercial Motor Vehicles, even if the officer involved is not trained to perform CMV inspections. To assist untrained state and local enforcement officers in making such stops the FMCSA has issued a series of educational materials which are available on it's website. The three-part program outlines the requirements to complete a CMV traffic stop and determine appropriate action if a violation has occurred.

In addition to three educational videos, a written guide walks officers through a typical CMV traffic stop and advises them to contact a certified CMV inspector when they suspect safety related violations. The program is available at <http://1.usa.gov/L84YBX>.

(2) The President recently signed into law a new highway-funding bill, called MAP-21. It will provide \$80 billion for highways between now and September 30th of 2014. The bill includes several items of interest to truckers:

- Within one year must formulate rules mandating electronic logging devices for carriers now using paper logs.
- By next March must complete a field study on the efficacy of the proposed hours-of-service changes.
- Within two years must establish a clearinghouse to record drivers' positive substance tests and refusals to test.
- Within one year establish standards for state systems to notify carriers of license/CDL violations and suspensions.
- Require new carriers to pass proficiency test and complete a DOT safety review within 12 months.
- Within two years conduct a comprehensive study on whether to increase allowable truck sizes and weights.

Contact me if any questions.

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