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Update on 34-hour re-start status - On December 16, 2014 the two onerous restrictions on the re-start rule (must include two consecutive periods of from 1:00 am to 5:00 am, and cannot be used more than once per week) were at least temporarily removed as a result of a mandate from Congress that prohibits enforcement of the restrictions until the FMCSA concludes a study involving real drivers as opposed to the hypothetical reasoning initially used as a basis for the restrictions. This, of course makes sense, but the FMCSA, who were ordered to begin the study by March 16, 2015, is very much opposed to complete removal of the restrictions, and they may very well be enforced again, as early as October of this year, if they can convince Congress that the need exists.

If for some reason a driver gets cited for a 70-hour violation based on an alleged improper re-start that did not incorporate these restrictions, they can be challenged and removed on the FMCSA DataQ website.

Kentucky training requirement: could it happen here? - Motor carriers that register or renew a Kentucky IRP license plate, or an intrastate Kentucky carrier that registers or renews a motor vehicle exceeding GVWR of 26,000 lbs must have a representative of the motor carrier complete a state approved training program that includes either a minimum of 4 hours of classroom training or a minimum of two hours of online training ?? You can select from several safety training topics including driver safety, motor carrier safety, workplace safety and Hazardous Materials. The only training provider is the Kentucky Motor Transport Association. Don't know if there is a charge. If there is, the chances for here seem better.

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