

AMENDMENT TO H.R. 7
OFFERED BY MR. BARLETTA OF PENNSYLVANIA

In section 1404(c) of the bill, strike the matter proposed to be added as subsections (i) and (j) of section 127 of title 23, United States Code (and redesignate the remaining subsections proposed to be added to section 127 of that title accordingly).

In section 1404 of the bill, strike subsections (b) and (f) (and redesignate the remaining subsections of that section accordingly).

After section 1404 of the bill, insert the following (and conform the table of contents accordingly):

1 **SEC. 1405. STUDY WITH RESPECT TO TRUCK SIZES AND**
2 **WEIGHTS.**

3 (a) STUDY.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation shall conduct a study with respect to truck
6 sizes and weights in accordance with this section.

7 (2) SCOPE.—In conducting the study, the Sec-
8 retary shall examine, in accordance with paragraph
9 (3), the effect on principal arterial routes and Na-
10 tional Highway System intermodal connectors that

1 allowing nationwide operation of each covered truck
2 configuration would have.

3 (3) CONTENTS.—In conducting the study, the
4 Secretary shall—

5 (A) evaluate the effect on safety that al-
6 lowing each covered truck configuration to oper-
7 ate would have, with consideration given to—

8 (i) vehicle operating characteristics
9 under various conditions likely to be expe-
10 rienced during commercial operation;

11 (ii) changes in vehicle miles traveled
12 due to increased vehicle hauling capacity;

13 (iii) shifts in freight between transpor-
14 tation modes;

15 (iv) crash rates; and

16 (v) vehicle stability and control;

17 (B) estimate—

18 (i) the effect on pavement perform-
19 ance that allowing each covered truck con-
20 figuration to operate would have;

21 (ii) the effect on bridge reliability and
22 service life that allowing each covered
23 truck configuration to operate would have;
24 and

1 (iii) the ability of each covered truck
2 configuration to comply with the Federal
3 Bridge Formula (as specified in section
4 127(a)(2) of title 23, United States Code);

5 (C) estimate the full cost responsibility as-
6 sociated with allowing each covered truck con-
7 figuration to operate, including all costs relat-
8 ing to pavement and bridges, and examine
9 methods available for recovering such cost re-
10 sponsibility;

11 (D) examine the ability of a representative
12 sample of regions to meet repair and recon-
13 struction needs related to allowing each covered
14 truck configuration to operate;

15 (E) estimate—

16 (i) the extent to which freight would
17 be diverted from other surface transpor-
18 tation modes to principal arterial routes
19 and National Highway System intermodal
20 connectors if each covered truck configura-
21 tion is allowed to operate and the effect
22 that any such diversion would have on
23 other modes of transportation;

24 (ii) the effect that any such diversion
25 would have on public safety, infrastructure,

1 cost responsibility, fuel efficiency, and the
2 environment;

3 (iii) the effect on the transportation
4 network of the United States that allowing
5 each covered truck configuration to operate
6 would have; and

7 (iv) whether allowing each covered
8 truck configuration to operate would result
9 in an increase or decrease in the total
10 number of trucks operating on principal
11 arterial routes and National Highway Sys-
12 tem intermodal connectors; and

13 (F) identify all Federal rules and regula-
14 tions impacted by changes in truck size and
15 weight limits.

16 (b) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 3 years
17 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
18 submit to Congress a report on the results of the study
19 conducted under subsection (a).

20 (c) COVERED TRUCK CONFIGURATION DEFINED.—

21 In this section, the term “covered truck configuration”
22 means each of the following:

23 (1) A combination truck tractor-semitrailer—

24 (A) with 5 axles; and

25 (B) a gross weight of 88,000 pounds.

- 1 (2) A combination truck tractor-semitrailer—
- 2 (A) with 6 axles; and
- 3 (B) a gross weight of 97,000 pounds.
- 4 (3) Longer combination vehicles (as such term
- 5 is defined in section 127(d)(4) of title 23, United
- 6 States Code).
- 7 (4) Any other truck configuration the Secretary
- 8 determines appropriate.



