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AMENDMENT MEMO



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2021 Senate Bill 703

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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Under Senate Bill 703, the fact that a motor vehicle carrier or the operator of a motor vehicle deployed, implemented, or used a motor carrier safety improvement is not evidence that the operator is an employee, rather than an independent contractor, for the purposes of the state income and franchise tax, workers compensation, unemployment insurance, and minimum wage laws. The bill defines “motor carrier safety improvement” as any device, equipment software, technology, procedure, training, policy, program, or practice intended and primarily used to improve or facilitate compliance with federal or state laws that govern any of the following:

- Traffic safety or motor carrier safety.
- The safety of motor vehicles.
- The safety of operators of motor vehicles.
- The safety of other users of highways.

SENATE AMENDMENT 1

Senate Amendment 1 modifies the definition of “motor carrier safety improvement” to clarify that it only applies to a motor carrier, as defined by federal law.

BILL HISTORY

Senator Cowles offered Senate Amendment 1 on February 3, 2022. On February 8, 2022, the Senate Committee on Transportation and Local Government voted to recommend adoption of the amendment on a vote of Ayes, 5; Noes, 0, and passage of Senate Bill 703, as amended, on a vote of Ayes 3; Noes, 2.

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