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H. R. 2948

To amend title 23, United States Code, with respect to the operation of certain specialized hauling vehicles on the Interstate System, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2023

Mr. GOODEN of Texas (for himself, Mr. MAST, and Mr. BEAN of Florida) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Carrying Automobiles
5 Responsibly and Safely Act” or the “CARS Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED HAULING**
7 **VEHICLES ON INTERSTATE.**

8 Section 127 of title 23, United States Code, is
9 amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(x) OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED HAUL-
2 ING VEHICLES ON THE INTERSTATE.—

3 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may not prohibit
4 the operation of a stinger-steered combination auto-
5 mobile transporter with a gross weight of 88,000
6 pounds or less on—

7 “(A) any segment of the Interstate System
8 (except a system exempted under section
9 31111(f) of title 49); or

10 “(B) the classes of qualifying Federal-aid
11 primary highways designated by the Secretary
12 under section 31111(e) of title 49.

13 “(2) REASONABLE ACCESS.—No State may
14 enact or enforce a law denying reasonable access to
15 stinger-steered combination automobile transporters,
16 to and from highways described in paragraph (1), to
17 loading or unloading points or facilities for food,
18 fuel, repair, and rest.

19 “(3) AXLE WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—A State shall
20 allow a stinger-steered combination automobile
21 transporter an increase of not more than 10 percent
22 on the axle weight limitations set forth in subsection
23 (a).

24 “(4) STINGER-STEERED COMBINATION AUTO-
25 MOBILE TRANSPORTER DEFINED.—In this sub-

1 section, the term ‘stinger-steered combination auto-
2 mobile transporter’ means a truck tractor semitrailer
3 wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame
4 located behind and below the rear-most axle of the
5 power unit.”.

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