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# H. R. 5773

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 6, 2020

Mr. WOODALL (for himself and Mr. BISHOP of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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 “Freight Restriction  
5 Elimination for Safer Hauling Act of 2019”.

6 **SEC. 2. VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITATIONS-INTERSTATE SYS-**  
7 **TEM.**

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

1       “(v) VEHICLES HAULING PERISHABLE COMMOD-  
2 ITIES OR PRODUCTS.—

3               “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may waive the ap-  
4 plication of any vehicle weight limit established  
5 under this section with respect to a covered vehicle  
6 hauling a perishable commodity or product.

7               “(2) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

8                       “(A) COVERED VEHICLE HAULING A PER-  
9 ISHABLE COMMODITY OR PRODUCT.—The term  
10 ‘covered vehicle hauling a perishable commodity  
11 or product’ means a vehicle that—

12                               “(i) is carrying—

13                                       “(I) a perishable agricultural  
14 commodity (as defined in section  
15 1(b)(4) of the Perishable Agricultural  
16 Commodities Act, 1930 (7 U.S.C.  
17 499a(b)(4));

18                                       “(II) concrete in an unhardened  
19 state;

20                                       “(III) live poultry;

21                                       “(IV) raw or unfinished forest  
22 products, including logs, pulpwood,  
23 biomass, or wood chips;

24                                       “(V) livestock feed; or

1                   “(VI) other products or commod-  
2                   ities that could be deemed not useful  
3                   after a specified amount of time in ac-  
4                   cordance with industry standards and  
5                   practices, as defined by a State;

6                   “(ii) meets the weight tolerances (or  
7                   weight limits) and vehicle configurations of  
8                   the State in which the vehicle is operating  
9                   and, if applicable, point of origin radius  
10                  distances within the State boundaries in  
11                  which the vehicle is operating; and

12                  “(iii) is equipped with speed-limiting  
13                  technology that is turned on and set at a  
14                  speed not greater than the lesser of—

15                         “(I) the posted speed limit; or

16                         “(II) 65 miles per hour.

17                  “(B) SPEED-LIMITING TECHNOLOGY.—The  
18                  term ‘speed-limiting technology’ means a tech-  
19                  nology that prevents a commercial motor vehicle  
20                  from exceeding a preprogramed maximum  
21                  speed.”.

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