

MIDWEST BUS AND MOTORCOACH ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE TRACKING REPORT 2020

*SS indicates Special Session

Illinois

| Bill No. – Author | Title | Description | Action | Status |
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| IL SB88 Stadelman | VEH CD-STUDENT TRANSPORTATION | Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that employees of regional offices of education, intermediate services centers, school districts, and any contracting agency, along with workers from child welfare agencies with open cases involving the student, may transport a student to and from school in a first division vehicle if proof of insurance not less than \$300,000 per incident and \$100,000 per person is on record with the employer of the driver of the vehicle. | Rule 3-9(a) / Re-referred to Assignments - 03/28/2019 | |
| IL SB159 Syverson | VEH CD-STUDENT TRANSPORTATION | Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that employees of regional offices of education, intermediate services centers, school districts, and any contracting agency, along with workers from child welfare agencies with open cases involving the student, may transport a student to and from school in a first division vehicle if proof of insurance not less than \$300,000 per incident and \$100,000 per person is on record with the employer of the driver of the vehicle. Effective immediately. | Postponed - Transportation - 02/20/2019 | |
| IL HB3699 Scherer | VEH CD-MULTIFUNCTION BUS | Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that a multifunction school activity bus may be used by a driver who holds a valid Class D driver's license for any curriculum-related activity, except for transportation on regular bus routes from home to school or from school to home, if the school district does not have a full-time employee who holds a school bus driver permit. Effective immediately. | Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee - 03/29/2019 | |
| IL SB1492 Anderson | STUDENT TRANSPORT-AGRARIAN | Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that provisions restricting the transportation of students to certain vehicles does not apply to any motor vehicle of the first division or the second division while that vehicle is being operated by specified entities for the purpose of transporting students to or from any agrarian-related school activity. Effective immediately. | Rule 19(a) / Re-referred to Rules Committee - 05/10/2019 | |
| HB 4250 Gabel | VEH CD-SEAT BELTS-SCHOOL BUS | Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that, beginning January 1, 2021, each school bus that is purchased new shall be equipped with seat safety belts for each passenger. Provides that the State Board of Education shall adopt rules to ensure that school districts require all passengers on those buses to wear seat safety belts. Provides that, except for willful or wanton misconduct, a school bus driver may | Referred to Rules Committee - 01/27/2020 | |

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| | | not be held personally liable for the failure of passengers to wear seat safety belts. Limits home rule powers. Makes a corresponding change in the Illinois Municipal Code. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement by the State. Effective immediately. | | |
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Indiana

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| IN [R] HB 1346 Miller | Motor carrier fuel surcharge tax. | Motor carrier fuel surcharge tax. Reimposes the motor carrier fuel surcharge tax (previously repealed by HEA 1290-2018). Reduces the special fuel tax rate by the amount of the motor carrier fuel surcharge tax rate. | | First reading: referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation - 01/14/2019 |
| IN HB 1192 Bartlett | Seat belts on school buses. | Seat belts on school buses. Establishes the school bus safety equipment grant fund (fund), administered by the department of education, to provide grants to school corporations seeking to purchase or equip school buses and special purpose buses with 3-point lap and shoulder safety belts or, if recommended by the state school bus committee, other proven safety equipment. Provides that a governing body may apply for a grant from the fund in an amount equal to 50% of the cost of purchasing or equipping a school bus or special purpose bus with 3-point lap and shoulder safety belts or other safety equipment. Requires a governing body seeking to purchase a school bus or special purpose bus to request information concerning the cost of purchasing a school bus or special purpose bus equipped with ... | | First reading: referred to Committee on Ways and Means - 01/13/2020 |

Iowa

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Kansas

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| HB 2497 Comm on Transp | Requiring drivers to proceed with due caution when passing stationary vehicles displaying hazard warning lights and providing a penalty for violation. | | | Introduced - 01/24/2020 |

Michigan

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| HB5040 Jones [D] | Transportation; school vehicles; allowable painting of school buses; modify. Amends sec. 33 of 1990 PA 187 (MCL 257.1833). | The pupil transportation act,"" by amending section 33 (MCL 257.1833), as amended by 2018 PA 422. | | Referred to committee on judiciary - 12/03/2019 |

Minnesota

| Bill No. – Author | Title | Description | Action | Status |
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| MN HF196 Freiberg Companion bill SF429 | Seat belts required on newly purchased school buses. | | Author stricken Christensen - 02/11/2019 | Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy - 01/24/2019 |
| MN SF1469 Relph | Commercial drivers license federal regulation waiver request by the commissioner of public safety requirement | The commissioner of public safety must apply to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration for a waiver from the federal regulation that requires a person to have a passenger endorsement for driving a bus with no passengers for the sole purpose of delivering the bus to the purchaser. | | Referred to Transportation Finance and Policy - 02/18/2019 |
| HF 1721 Theis | Commissioner of public safety required to seek federal waiver on commercial driver's license from passenger endorsement requirements. | | | Introduction and first reading, referred to Transportation Finance and Policy Division Intro - 02/25/2019 |

Missouri

| Bill No. – Author | Title | Description | Action | Status |
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| HB 241 Neely | Requires certain training and testing accommodations for Commercial Driver's License applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing | | Reported Do Pass - 04/18/2019 | |
| MO SB234 White | Enacts provisions relating to disability accommodations for commercial driver's license applicants | SB 234 - This act specifies that a hearing test shall not be required for commercial driver's license (CDL) applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing, and provides for a process by which CDL applicants with disabilities can request testing accommodations for the written and driving tests. | | Informal Calendar S Bills for Perfection--SB 234-White - 05/15/2019 |
| MO SB290 Brown | Enacts provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses | The Director of Revenue currently has the authority to waive the driving skills test for a commercial driver's license for qualified military applicants. This act allows the Director of Revenue to also waive the knowledge test. (Section 302.720.2(5)). | | Second Read and Referred S Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee - 02/07/2019 |
| MO HB792 Griesheimer | Modifies provisions relating to commercial driver's licenses | This bill modifies the storage and record requirements for test score documents issued by commercial testers and documents submitted by military service members by adding them to existing exemptions. Currently, a commercial driver's instruction permit is valid for six months and may be renewed once for an additional six months. The bill changes the permit to a one-year nonrenewable instruction permit and increases the fee from \$5 to \$10. The fee for a duplicate permit is \$5. This bill requires an applicant for a commercial driver's license to take an entry-level driver training program that is currently established by regulation. The bill also allows the Director of the Department of Revenue to waive specified written test requirements for current or former military service members. | Referred: Veterans - 03/12/2019 | Reported 'Do Pass' 5/2/19 |
| MO SB378 Hough | Relating to commercial driver's license testing | Addition to 302.720. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section or any other 133law to the contrary, beginning December 1, 2019, the director of the 134department of revenue shall certify as a third-party tester any private | Second Read and Referred S Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee - 02/28/2019 | |

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| | | <p>135education institution or other private entity, provided the institution</p> <p>136or entity meets the necessary qualifications required by the state.</p> | | |
| MO HB822 Butz | Authorizes an increase in the tax on motor fuel | | Referred: Transportation - 02/14/2019 | |
| MO HB 1009 | Specifies that beginning December 1, 2019, private entities shall be eligible for certification as third-party testers for commercial driver's licenses | | Voted Do Pass - 04/08/2019 | |
| MO SB748 | Enacts provisions relating to disability accommodations for commercial driver's license applicants | <p>This act provides for a process by which Commercial Driver's License (CDL) applicants with disabilities may request testing accommodations for the written and driving tests, and specifies that the accommodations shall state that a hearing test shall not be required for applicants who are deaf or hard of hearing. These provisions shall be null and void if the United States Secretary of Transportation determines they will result in a loss of federal highway funding.</p> <p>The act also specifies that any entity providing training to persons preparing to apply for a CDL shall provide reasonable accommodations for persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. These provisions shall be null and void if the United States Secretary of Transportation determines they or the provisions relating to disabled applicants requesting testing accommodations will result in a loss of federal highway funding.</p> <p>This act is similar to SB 234 (2019), HB 241 (2019), and provisions in HCS/SB 371 (2019).</p> | 12/1/2019 - Prefiled | |
| MO HR 71 Messenger | Proposes a constitutional amendment to authorize the highways and transportation commission to construct toll roads and impose and collect tolls on interstates and four-lane roadways | | Prefiled - 12/02/2019 | |

North Dakota

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OHIO

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| HB 83 Brown | | <u>To allow images captured by a camera installed on a school bus to be used as corroborating evidence for the offense of failing to stop for a school bus.</u> | <u>BILL ACCEPTED, House Criminal Justice, (First Hearing) - 10/31/2019</u> | |
| HB 105 Brown | | <u>To enhance the penalty for failing to stop for a school bus that is picking up or dropping off school children when the offender has a prior violation within a five-year period.</u> | <u>Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice - 03/05/2019</u> | |
| HB89 Antani, N | | <u>To enhance the penalties for failing to properly stop for a school bus, to establish requirements related to informing the public about that prohibition, and to make an appropriation.</u> | <u>Referred to Committee House Criminal Justice - 03/05/2019</u> | |
| SB 134 Gavarone | | <u>To make changes to the law governing passing a school bus, to create a new offense for vehicular homicide and vehicular assault related to improperly passing a stopped school bus, to make an appropriation, and to designate this the School Bus Safety Act.</u> | <u>OUT, Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce, (Fourth Hearing) - 01/22/2020</u> | |
| HB222 | <u>To authorize an income tax credit for an employer's expenses to train a commercial vehicle operator.</u> | <p>Amendments:</p> <p>Delays application of the tax credit by one year, beginning with training expenses incurred in 2021 (R.C. 122.91(B)(1)). Qualifying taxpayers therefore would not begin claiming the credit until 2022</p> <p>Limits the tax credit to training expenses incurred in 2021, 2022, 2023, or 2024; no credit is available for expenses incurred after 2024:</p> <p>Increases the commercial driver’s license skills test examination fee charged by the Department of Public Safety by the following amounts: 1. Pre-trip inspection: \$10 to \$27; 2. Off-road maneuvering: \$10 to \$27; 3. On-road: \$30 to \$61; 4. Total: \$50 to \$115 (R.C. 4506.09(E)). By increasing the fee, makes the examination fees charged by the Department equivalent to the maximum amount a private or locally operated skills testing facility may charge for the skills examination</p> | <u>OUT AS AMENDED, House Ways and Means, (Fourth Hearing) - 12/10/2019</u> | |

South Dakota

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United States

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| HR1374 Hollingsworth (R-IN) | To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes. | To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations relating to commercial motor vehicle drivers under the age of 21, and for other purposes. | Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. - 02/27/2019 | |
| HR 2089 Finkenauer (D-IA) | Biodiesel Tax Credit Extension Act of 2019 | <p style="text-align: center;">INCOME TAX CREDIT.-</p> <p>(1) IN GENERAL.-Section 40A(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking "December 31, 2017" and inserting "December 31, 2019".</p> <p>(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.-The amendment made by this subsection shall apply to fuel sold or used after December 31, 2017.</p> <p>Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in the case of any biodiesel mixture credit properly determined under section 6426(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 for the period beginning on January 1, 2018, and ending on December 31, 2018, such credit shall be allowed, and any refund or payment attributable to such credit (including any payment under section 6427(e) of such Code) shall be made, only in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury (or the Secretary's delegate) shall provide</p> | Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means. - 04/04/2019 | |
| S. 1787 Booker | To require the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to implement a national employer notification service. | This Act may be cited as the "Miranda Vargas School Bus Driver Red Flag Act" or "Miranda's Law". | 6/11/19 Referred to Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation | |

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| <p>H.R. 3959 Cohen</p> | <p>To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules requiring the inclusion of new safety equipment in school buses, and for other purposes.</p> | <p>To direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules requiring the inclusion of new safety equipment in school buses, and for other purposes.</p> | <p>Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. - 07/26/2019</p> | |
| <p>S2778 Duckworth (IL)</p> | <p>A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue rules requiring the inclusion of new safety equipment in school buses, and for other purposes.</p> | | <p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. -</p> | <p>7/25/19</p> |
| <p>HR 4708 Tonko (D-NY)</p> | <p>To establish safety standards for certain limousines, and for other purposes.</p> | <p>To establish safety standards for certain limousines, and for other purposes.</p> | <p>Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce. - 10/16/2019</p> | <p>10/24/19</p> |
| <p>S2606 Schumer</p> | <p>A bill to establish safety standards for certain limousines, and for other purposes.</p> | | <p>Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (text: CR S5847-5849) - 10/16/2019</p> | <p>10/26/19</p> |
| <p>HR5462 Perry</p> | <p>Buses United for Safety, Regulatory Reform, and Enhanced Growth for the 21st Century Act</p> | <p>The comprehensive bill addresses a myriad of reforms, from amending the mission statement of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, to insurance requirement reforms, to fair treatment when assessing corrective actions.</p> <p>The bill also provides direction for public transit recipients to encourage use of private sector passenger carriers.</p> | <p>Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. Action By: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure</p> | <p>12/18/19</p> |