SENATE BILL NO. 182

INTRODUCED BY FARRELL, HAGER, BOYLAN, HARDING, ELLISON, LYBECK, CAMPBELL, SHAW, TVEIT, GAGE, LORY, H. HAMMOND, ANDERSON, C. SMITH, JONES, KITSELMAN, B. BROWN, PETERSON, HARP, WALLIN, JENKINS, COMPTON, HANSON

IN THE SENATE

	
January 22, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
January 23, 1985	Fiscal Note requested.
January 29, 1985	Fiscal Note returned.
February 22, 1985	Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
	Statement of Intent attached.
February 23, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.
February 25, 1985	Second reading, do pass.
February 26, 1985	Considered correctly engrossed.
February 27, 1985	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 29; Noes, 21.
	Transmitted to House.
IN TH	E HOUSE
March 7, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.
March 30, 1985	Committee report without recommendation.
April 1, 1985	On motion, taken from second reading and rereferred to Committee on Highways and Transportation.

April 11, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurred in as amended. Report adopted.
April 12, 1985	Second reading, concurred in as amended.
April 15, 1985	Third reading, concurred in.
	Returned to Senate with Amendments.
IN '	THE SENATE
April 13, 1985	On motion, rules suspended to accept. Motion adopted.
April 15, 1985	Received from House.
April 17, 1985	Second reading, pass consideration.
April 18, 1985	Second reading, amendments not concurred in. Ayes, 25; Noes, 20.
April 19, 1985	On motion, Senate reconsider its action taken on not concurring in amendments. Motion adopted.
	On motion, placed on second reading 87th Legislative Day. Motion adopted.
April 22, 1985	Second reading, amendments concurred in.
April 23, 1985	Third reading, amendments concurred in.
	Sent to enrolling.
	Reported correctly enrolled.

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FOR SETTING MOTOR CARRIER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS
FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE
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ENFORCEMENT OF SAFETY STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTIONS
44-1-1005, 61-10-141, 69-12-201, AND 69-12-203, MCA; AND
PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RULEMAKING
AUTHORITY."
BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
Section 1. Section 69-12-201, MCA, is amended to read:
"69-12-201. Supervision and regulation of motor
carriers and-other-motor-vehicles-used-in-commerce. (1) The
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is hereby made its duty to:
(a) supervise and regulate every motor carrier in this
state;
(b) fix, alter, regulate, and determine specific,
just, reasonable, equal, nondiscriminatory, and sufficient
rates, fares, charges, and classifications for Class A and
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(d) require the filing of annual and other reports,
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(e) supervise and regulate motor carriers in all
matters affecting the relationship between such motor
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(f)provide-standards-for-the-safeoperationofall
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(ii)-being-used-to-transport-hazardous-materialsofa
typeorquantity-that-requires-the-vehicle-to-be-marked-or
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+3+(2) The commission shall have power and authority by general order or otherwise to prescribe rules in conformity with this chapter and applicable to any and all motor carriers.

 $ag{47}(3)$ The commission also may fix and determine reasonable maximum or minimum rates for the operations of any Class C motor carrier when the same are required for the best interests of public transportation."

Section 2. Section 69-12-203, MCA, is amended to read:
"69-12-203. Supervisor of motor carriers. (1) The commission shall appoint a supervisor of motor carriers who shall have general responsibility to the commission for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter. The supervisor shall be either an attorney admitted to practice law in Montana or a person qualified by at least 5 years of suitable experience and training in appropriate phases of the motor carrier industry. He shall serve at the pleasure of the commission and at an annual salary to be set by the commission.

(2) The supervisor shall direct all enforcement activities in behalf of the commission, including the investigation and prosecution of violations of this chapter, as amended, or the rules or orders prescribed thereunder by

1 the commission.

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be employed by the commission to assist him shall be deemed peace officers for the purpose of making arrests in connection with violations of this chapter, as amended, and issuing summonses, accepting bail, and serving warrants of arrest. The supervisor and field inspectors are empowered to make reasonable inspections of cargoes carried by commercial motor vehicles,—make—reasonable—safety—inspections—of commercial—motor—vehicles—utilized—by—motor—carriers, and require production of manifests, bills of lading, leases, and other documents relating to the cargo, driver, routing, or ownership of such vehicles. The scope of the inspections is limited to the enforcement of the provisions of Title 69, chapter 12."

Section 3. Section 61-10-141, MCA, is amended to read:

"61-10-141. Officers authorized to weigh vehicles and require removal of excessive loads. (1) A peace officer, officer of the highway patrol, or employee of the department may weigh any vehicle regulated by 61-10-101 through 61-10-110, either by means of portable or stationary scales, and may require that the vehicle be driven to the nearest scales if those scales are within 2 miles. That person may then require the driver to unload immediately that portion of the load necessary to decrease the weight of the vehicle

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to conform to the maximum allowable weights specified in 61-10-101 through 61-10-110.

- (2) Commodities and material unloaded as required by this section shall be cared for and removed from the highway right-of-way by the owner or operator of the vehicle at the risk of that owner or operator. The removal shall be within a reasonable time designated by the person who has compelled the unloading.
- (3) The department may establish, maintain, and operate weigh stations, either intermittently or on a continuous schedule, and may require vehicles, except passenger cars and pickup trucks under 8,000 pounds G.V.W., to enter for the purpose of weighing and inspection for compliance with all laws pertaining to their operation and safety-requirements.
- under this section, an employee of the department has the same authority to enforce provisions of the motor carriers law as that granted the public service commission under 69-12-203. This section does not relieve the public service commission from its responsibility as the lead agency as required in 69-12-201 through 69-12-203 and 69-12-205. The commission, highway patrol, and the department shall cooperate to assure minimum duplication and maximum coordination of enforcement effort."

Section 4. Section 44-1-1005, MCA, is amended to read:

"44-1-1005. Enforcement-of-motor--carriers--law Motor

carriers safety -- enforcement. A-highway-patrolman-has-the

same--authority--to-enforce-provisions-of-the-motor-carriers

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69-12-2037-except-that-the (1) The division shall:

- (a) adopt, by rule, standards for safety of operations of motor carriers, each of whom is considered to consent impliedly to reasonable safety inspections of its motor vehicles utilized in furtherance of its business as a motor carrier;
- (b) provide standards for the safe operation of all motor vehicles used in commerce that exceed 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight, except farm vehicles; and
- (c) provide for the safe operation of vehicles of less than 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight if they are used to transport passengers for hire or to transport hazardous materials of a type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded in accordance with rules adopted by the division.
- 21 (2) Standards of safety adopted pursuant to
 22 subsections (1)(b) and (1)(c) must be the same as prescribed
 23 for motor carriers, and the same inspection standards and
 24 procedures apply. However, standards relating to drivers,
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NEW SECTION. Section 5. Initial adoption of standards. The division shall initiate proceedings before October 1, 1985, to adopt standards for safety of operations

2 of motor carriers and motor vehicles pursuant to

3 44-1-1005(1). The standards may include those previously

4 adopted by the public service commission, but the division

5 may modify or expand the standards as necessary to conform

6 to 44-1-1005(1) and other applicable sections. The division

7 shall make the standards pursuant to 44-1-1005(1) effective

8 on October 1, 1985.

9 NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. This section

10 and section 5 are effective on passage and approval.

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STATE OF MONTANA

FISCAL NOTE

REQUEST NO. FNN 195-85

Form BD-15

In compliance with a written request received January 25,	19 85 , there is hereby submitted a
Fiscal Note for Senate Bill 182 pursuant to Title 5, Cha	pter 4, Part 2 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA)
Background information used in developing this Fiscal Note is ava	ilable from the Office of Budget and Program
Planning, to members of the Legislature upon request.	

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION:

Senate Bill 182 transfers the authority for setting motor carrier and motor vehicle standards from the Public Service Commission to the Motor Vehicle Division and gives the Highway Patrol sole authority for enforcement of safety standards.

ASSUMPTIONS:

- 1. Motor carrier safety inspections would continue being performed in accordance with the Federal Department of Transportation (DOT) standards. These standards have been adopted by the PSC and Highway Patrol.
- 2. The DOT has available grant money on an 80/20 match basis, which may be available for funding a portion of this program. These funds will be available through FY 1987.
- 3. A goal of 10,000 inspections in FY 1986 and 16,000 in FY 1987 can be accomplished provided requested staffing levels are approved. It is assumed that these inspection quotas would be acceptable to DOT.
- 4. All equipment previously purchased by Public Service Regulation for motor carrier inspections will be transferred to the Department of Justice.
- 5. Current state funded motor vehicle inspection activity will not provide the 20% soft match requirement, therefore, state general funds are required.

BUDGET DIRECTOR

Office of Budget and Program Planning

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FISCAL IMPACT: (continued)

FISCAL IMPACT:

	FY 86		FY 87			
	Current	Proposed	Difference	Current	Proposed	Difference
Effect on Expenditures:						
Personal Services	\$ 125,398	\$ 264,071	\$ 138,673	\$ 125,398	\$ 408,661	\$ 283,263
Operating	191,104	160,444	(30,660)	191,104	142,408	(48,676)
Equipment	18,596	-Ó-	(18,596)	18,596	-0-	(18,596)
Total	\$ 335,098	\$424,515	\$ 89,417	\$ 335,098	\$ 551,067	\$ 215,971
General Fund	\$ -0-	\$ 47,731	\$ 47,731	\$ -0-	\$ 63,813	\$ 63,813
Federal Special	\$ 335,098	\$376,784	\$ 41,686	\$ 335,098	\$ 487,256	\$ 152,158

AFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUE OR EXPENDITURES:

N/A

LONG RANGE IMPACT:

N/A

TECHNICAL NOTE:

1. Section 3 (3) of H.B. 182 appears to remove GVW stations current safety inspection authority. This revision of duties also reduces potential state "soft" match.

2. The immediate effective date may increase the administrative costs of the proposed transfer. A July 1, 1985 date would coincide with fiscal year reports and accounting procedures.

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APPROVED BY COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

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3	Senate Highways and Transportation Committee
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7	carrier safety standards and provide for their
8	implementation. The intention of the legislature is that the
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9	division adopt standards substantially similar to those
.0	promulgated by the public service commission pursuant to
1	69-12-201 and 69-12-203, prior to amendment by this bill,
2	with such modifications as the division from time to time
.3	considers appropriate and in conformance with those and
L 4	other applicable sections.
. 5	It is appropriate to quote the statement of intent that
.6	accompanied Chapter 227, Laws of 1981, which granted the
.7	public service commission its authority to adopt motor
.8	carrier safety standards:
9	"A statement of intent is required for this bill
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!1	authority to provide safety standards for motor vehicles
22	used in commerce.
23	All interstate motor carriers, interstate private

carriers, and carriers hauling unregulated commodities in

interstate commerce must now

STATEMENT OF INTENT



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- requirements and inspections as established by the Federal
 Motor Carrier Safety Regulations of the Department of
 Transportation. In addition, regulated intrastate motor
 carriers must also meet the same safety standards.
- 5 The Legislature intends to include large over-the-road trucks, in excess of 26,000 pounds GVW, used in commerce operating on Montana's highways to adhere to safety equipment standards. It is the intent of the Legislature to establish by regulation uniform safety standards and a safety inspection program that will focus on mechanical factors most often blamed for accidents involving trucks, passenger carriers, and hazardous material transporters. Included would be detailed inspections of brakes, steering components, tires, and driver logs where required.
 - It is intended that rules promulgated by PSC incorporate the "Critical Item Truck Inspection" program and that the rules include a procedure for conducting the inspection program as well as providing for a vehicle identification program acknowledging the inspection. The rules shall provide that safety infractions posing no imminent threat to public safety shall not result in an "out of service" order. Such a vehicle shall be allowed to proceed to obtain repairs before final inspection and issuance of inspection acknowledgment. It is recognized that repairing or parking large over-the-road trucks on the

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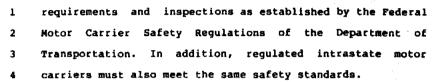
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14	PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RULEMAKING
15	AUTHORITY."
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17	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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20	carriers and-other-motor-vehicles-used-in-commerce. (1) The
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22	is hereby made its duty to:
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11	tariffs, schedules, or other data by such motor carriers;
12	(e) supervise and regulate motor carriers in all
13	matters affecting the relationship between such motor
14	carriers and the traveling and shipping public7.
15	(f)provide-standards-for-the-safeoperationofall
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law in Montana or a person qualified by at least 5 years of
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the motor carrier industry. He shall serve at the pleasure
of the commission and at an annual salary to be set by the
commission.

- (2) The supervisor shall direct all enforcement activities in behalf of the commission, including the investigation and prosecution of violations of this chapter, as amended, or the rules or orders prescribed thereunder by the commission.
- (3) The supervisor and whatever field inspectors may 6 be employed by the commission to assist him shall be deemed peace officers for the purpose of making arrests in connection with violations of this chapter, as amended, and issuing summonses, accepting bail, and serving warrants of 10 arrest. The supervisor and field inspectors are empowered to 11 make reasonable inspections of cargoes carried by commercial 12 motor vehicles; -- make--reasonable--safety--inspections---of 13 14 commercial -- motor -- vehicles -- utilized by -motor - carriers, and 15 require production of manifests, bills of lading, leases. 16 and other documents relating to the cargo, driver, routing, or ownership of such vehicles. The scope of the inspections 17 is limited to the enforcement of the provisions of Title 69. 18 19 chapter 12."
 - Section 3. Section 61-10-141, MCA, is amended to read:

 "61-10-141. Officers authorized to weigh vehicles and require removal of excessive loads. (1) A peace officer, officer of the highway patrol, or employee of the department may weigh any vehicle regulated by 61-10-101 through 61-10-110, either by means of portable or stationary scales,

- and may require that the vehicle be driven to the nearest scales if those scales are within 2 miles. That person may then require the driver to unload immediately that portion of the load necessary to decrease the weight of the vehicle to conform to the maximum allowable weights specified in 61-10-101 through 61-10-110.
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 8 this section shall be cared for and removed from the highway
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 10 risk of that owner or operator. The removal shall be within
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- (3) The department may establish, maintain, and operate weigh stations, either intermittently or on a continuous schedule, and may require vehicles, except passenger cars and pickup trucks under 8,000 pounds G.V.W., to enter for the purpose of weighing and inspection for compliance with all laws pertaining to their operation and safety-requirements.
- 20 (4) In addition to other enforcement duties assigned
 21 under this section, an employee of the department has the
 22 same authority to enforce provisions of the motor carriers
 23 law as that granted the public service commission under
 24 69-12-203. This section does not relieve the public service
 25 commission from its responsibility as the lead agency as

- required in 69-12-201 through 69-12-203 and 69-12-205. The commission, highway patrol, and the department shall cooperate to assure minimum duplication and maximum coordination of enforcement effort."
- Section 4. Section 44-1-1005, MCA, is amended to read:

 "44-1-1005. Enforcement-of-motor--carriers--law Motor

 carriers safety -- enforcement. A-highway-patrolman-has-the

 same--authority--to-enforce-provisions-of-the-motor-carriers

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 69-12-2037-except-that-the (1) The division shall:
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 13 impliedly to reasonable safety inspections of its motor

 14 vehicles utilized in furtherance of its business as a motor

 15 carrier;
- 16 (b) provide standards for the safe operation of all
 17 motor vehicles used in commerce that exceed 26,000 pounds
 18 gross vehicle weight, except farm vehicles; and
- (c) provide for the safe operation of vehicles of less
 than 26,000 pounds gross vehicle weight if they are used to
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minimum duplication and maximum coordination of enforcement
effort."

NEW SECTION. Section 5. Initial adoption of 3 standards. The division shall initiate proceedings before October 1, 1985, to adopt standards for safety of operations motor carriers and motor vehicles pursuant to 44-1-1005(1). The standards may include those previously adopted by the public service commission, but the division may modify or expand the standards as necessary to conform to 44-1-1005(1) and other applicable sections. The division 10 shall make the standards pursuant to 44-1-1005(1) effective 11 on October 1, 1985. 12

NEW SECTION. Section 6. Effective date. This section and section 5 are effective on passage and approval.

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HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

Page 1 of 2	APRIL_1119.85
MRSPEAKER:	
We, your committee on	OUSE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
having had under consideration	SENATE BILL BIN No. 182
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	"AN ACT TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY FOR MOTOR VEHICLE SAPETY STANDARDS FROM

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TRANSFERRING AUTHORITY FOR SETTING MOTOR CARRIER AND MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS FROM THE FUELIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO THE MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION AND GIVING THE HIGHWAY PATROL SOLE AUTHORITY FOR EMFORCEMENT OF SAFETY STANDARDS; AMENDING SECTIONS 44-1-1005, 61-10-141, 69-12-201, AND 69-12-203, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR RULEWAKING AUTHORITY."

Be amended as follows:

- 1. Title, line 11.
 Following: "PATROL"
 Strike: "SOLE"
 INSERT: "PRIMARY"
- Title, lines 14 and 15.
 Following: "PROVIDING"
 Strike: remainder of line 14 through "AUTHORITY" on line 15
 Insert: "EFFECTIVE DATES"
- 3. Page 4, line 22. Following: "loads" Insert: "-enforcement of motor carrier safety standards"
- 4. Page 5, line 19.
 Following: "requirements"
 Insert: "and safety requirements"

AND AS AMENDED

BE CONCURRED IN

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5. Page 5. Following: line 19

Insert: "(4) The department shall work with the highway patrol in the enforcement of safety standards adopted pursuant to 44-1-1005. For the purposes of such joint enforcement, the highway patrol is designated as the lead agency. The highway patrol and the department shall cooperate to assure minimum duplication and maximum coordination of enforcement effort.

- (5) In order to enforce compliance with safety standards adopted pursuant to 44-1-1005, the department shall designate employees as peace officers. The designated employees must be employed in the administration of the gross vehicle weight functions of the department. Each employee so designated as a peace officer may:
- (a) issue citations and make arrests in connection with violations of safety standards adopted under 44-1-1005;
 - (b) issue summons;
 - (c) accept bail;
 - (d) serve warrants for arrest:
- (e) make reasonable inspections of cargo carried by commercial motor vehicles;
- (f) make reasonable safety inspection of commercial motor vehicles utilized by motor carriers; and
- (g) require production of documents relating to the cargo, driver, routing, or ownership of such vehicles.

Renumber: subsequent subsections

- Page 5, line 24 through line 4, page 6.
 Following: "69-12-203," on line 24, page 5
 Strike: remainder of line 24, page 5, through line 5, page 6
- 7. Page 7, lines 24 and 25.
 Following: "road." on line 24
 Insert: "(4)"
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 Btrike: remainder of line 24 through "and" on line 25
- 8. Page 8, line 5.
 Pollowing: line 4
 Strike: "October"
 Insert: "July"
- Page 8, line 12.
 Following: "on"
 Strike: "October"
 Insert: "July"
- 10. Page 8, line 14.
 Following: "approval."
 Insert: "The remaining provisions of this act are effective
 on July 1, 1985."

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDMENT

HOUSE		4-12-85 DATE
		1:00 TIME
MR. CHAIRMAN: I MOVE TO AMEND	SENATE BILL	No. <u>182 </u> #/
third reading copy (bl	ue) as follows:	

1. Page 8, following line 14.

Insert: "NEW SECTION. Section 7. Transfer of personnel.

It is the intention of the legislature that for the continuity of an ongoing truck safety program persons employed by the public service commission solely for truck safety under the motor carrier safety assistance program on January 1, 1985, must be employed by the department of justice, division of motor vehicles, in the performance of duties similar to those they performed before January 1, 1985."

ADOPT REJECT

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1	STATEMENT OF INTENT
2	SENATE BILL 182
3	Senate Highways and Transportation Committee
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5	A statement of intent is required for this bill because
6	it requires that the motor vehicle division adopt motor
7	carrier safety standards and provide for their
8	implementation. The intention of the legislature is that the
9	division adopt standards substantially similar to those
10	promulgated by the public service commission pursuant to
11	69-12-201 and 69-12-203, prior to amendment by this bill,
12	with such modifications as the division from time to time
13	considers appropriate and in conformance with those and
14	other applicable sections.
15	It is appropriate to quote the statement of intent that
16	accompanied Chapter 227, Laws of 1981, which granted the
17	public service commission its authority to adopt motor
18	carrier safety standards:
19	"A statement of intent is required for this bill
20	because it grants the Public Service Commission the
21	authority to provide safety standards for motor vehicles
22	used in commerce.
23	All interstate motor carriers, interstate private

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l roadway is extremely dangerous."

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3	ELLISON, LYBECK, CAMPBELL, SHAW, TVEIT, GAGE, LORY,
4	H. HAMMOND, ANDERSON, C. SMITH, JONES, KITSELMAN,
5	B. BROWN, PETERSON, HARP, WALLIN, JENKINS, COMPTON,
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- 12 (D) SERVE WARRANTS FOR ARREST;
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- 16 MOTOR VEHICLES UTILIZED BY MOTOR CARRIERS; AND
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