

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0002

Commercial driver's license-compact agreement.

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## A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION requesting Congress to enact legislation  
2 permitting western states to enter into a voluntary compact  
3 to establish a graduated commercial driver licensing  
4 program that would allow commercial drivers between  
5 eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years of age to operate a  
6 commercial motor vehicle in a consenting, contiguous state.

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8 WHEREAS, federal law requires drivers to be at least  
9 twenty-one (21) years of age to operate a commercial motor  
10 vehicle between states; and

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12 WHEREAS, drivers who are between eighteen (18) and twenty-  
13 one (21) years of age may operate a commercial motor  
14 vehicle intrastate within the states of Arizona, Colorado,  
15 Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota,  
16 Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming; and

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2 WHEREAS, the trucking industry delivers goods across state  
3 lines and faces a severe shortage of drivers because of  
4 increased shipping demand and a high number of retiring  
5 drivers; and

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7 WHEREAS, it is difficult to recruit drivers who are twenty-  
8 one (21) years of age or older into the trucking industry  
9 because they have already entered another career path; and

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11 WHEREAS, the unemployment rate for persons between eighteen  
12 (18) and twenty-one (21) years of age is higher than that  
13 of other age groups; and

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15 WHEREAS, the safety performance statistics for non-  
16 commercial drivers who are between eighteen (18) and  
17 twenty-one (21) years of age do not necessarily reflect the  
18 safety performance of the same group who hold a commercial  
19 driver's license; and

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21 WHEREAS, the safety benefits of graduated licensing for  
22 noncommercial vehicle drivers are well documented and  
23 similar safety benefits may be possible with a graduated

1 commercial licensing program that expands commercial  
2 driving privileges; and

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4 WHEREAS, legislation allowing a voluntary compact between  
5 Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New  
6 Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and  
7 Wyoming could include a conditional lowering of the twenty-  
8 one (21) year old commercial driver age requirement and  
9 would allow these contiguous states to establish a  
10 graduated commercial driver licensing program to allow  
11 drivers between eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21) years of  
12 age to operate a commercial motor vehicle in a consenting,  
13 contiguous state.

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15 *NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE*  
16 *LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:*

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18 **Section 1.** That Congress enact legislation permitting  
19 Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New  
20 Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah and  
21 Wyoming to enter into a voluntary compact to establish a  
22 graduated commercial driver licensing program to allow  
23 drivers who are between eighteen (18) and twenty-one (21)

1 years of age and who hold a commercial driver's license  
2 issued by a compact state to operate a commercial motor  
3 vehicle in a consenting, contiguous compact state.

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5       **Section 2.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
6 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the  
7 Majority Leader of the Senate and the Speaker of the House  
8 of Representatives of the United States Congress, the  
9 Wyoming Congressional Delegation and to the congressional  
10 delegations and the legislative bodies of Arizona,  
11 Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico,  
12 North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Utah.

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14 (END)