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1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	SD Motor Carrier Division, Bridge Weights & Brake Testing
2:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Michelin Tire
4:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Myron Rau, 2020 Legislative Session & Transportation Issues
4:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Robert Christian, 2019 Survey Results & Independent Contractor Agreement
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Social Hour
6:00 pm	Dinner

Everyone is invited to register and attend. Check-in will be in the lobby.

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REGISTRATION FEE: $50 *(per person)*

Registration includes dinner.

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Chairman's Message

A topic I think every single one of us can relate to is infrastructure conditions, highways, bridges and road deterioration. We all can pick at least one road in South Dakota and one nationwide that we travel where we ask ourselves how bad does it have to get and when are they going to replace it. I am going to use one road along with my own experience as an example. I am sure everyone can apply it to at least one road they travel.

Rarely I travel Highway 385 between Deadwood SD and Hill City SD, hauling logs to the saw mills. Recently I had nothing to do and was asked to go with my brother Phillip, who travels this route multiple times. I forgot how rough this road actually has gotten since I traveled it last. Phillip commented that he not only sits at home in the evenings thinking about this road while watching TV, but he loses sleep over it.

After a couple days I had to find something out. I got on the internet and started to do some research. I found information on stockholder's meetings and studies had been done back in and around 2013. My next question is what is the results and status from all that work? I sent an email into the DOT asking about the results and if there was a plan to replace the bad section between these two cities. After a couple days I had still not received a response. I then tried to call the SD DOT Regional Engineer Todd Seaman out of Rapid City. I left a message and he returned my call the very next day. He left a message that my email had just been forwarded to him. We played phone tag for several days and finally caught each other. I have to tell you I was impressed! I don't think there was a bump, pot hole or frost heave that he wasn't aware of. He was perfectly aware of how rough this road had gotten. After visiting with him I began to feel a bit of empathy for the challenges that our highway department faces. The biggest one is simply highway funding.

My point is, make those inquires and phone calls. Make your voice heard but realize without highway funding little if anything can change. There isn't a one of you that can't apply this to a road you frequently travel. Every year our infrastructure is closer to the point where how are we going to fix it all fast enough. Our infrastructure is deteriorating faster than we are replacing it.

In April SDTA will be making our annual call on Washington, DC for the Call on Washington. Just like every year I participated, highway funding is among the topics we will address. It gets more and more critical every year that we not only need a long-range highway bill, but in addition we need an aggressive highway funding bill.

FYI for the Log Haulers: Highway 385 section between Sheridan Lake and Pactola Lake is scheduled for 2020; section between Pactola Lake and Sugar Shack is scheduled for 2023; and between Sugar Shack and Steel Wheel is scheduled for 2026. They are working from the south to the north. I know many of you are thinking

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What a winter! Yes, we had snow and cold but to me this seemed to be one of the mildest in my memory. Recently we have had springlike temperatures all across this state, now we only have to hope that it does not heat up too quickly and cause trouble for our agricultural industry. Too much moisture last year hopefully does not bring opposite results in 2020!

Well, not only did I again mentally and physically survive the legislative session, the SDTA Membership did not lose anything either. We have no increase in taxes and no increased regulation; another successful session! The last day of the regular session was March 12th with a two week recess going on now, they will return for one day on the 30th of this month.

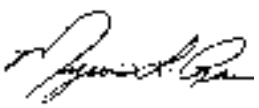
If you remember correctly, the 2014 Legislature passed a texting ban that applied only to young drivers; that law prohibited our young drivers from texting with the adoption of the federal regulations prohibited commercial drivers from texting while driving. At that time, I said, "It is about time we hold everyone to the same standard." Well, we finally got that done in HB 1169. There are some exceptions but in a nut shell, if the Governor signs the bill, effective July 1, 2020, it will be a primary offense (you can be stopped for that violation and that violation only) to text while operating a motor vehicle. Finally!!

This legislature again spent time on social issues, medicare, funding for education and of course social issues. These are the usual issues discussed annually but seem to never be resolved.

There will be a contingency traveling to Washington, DC on April 21, 22 & 23. This is our annual Call on Washington where we take time to meet with American Trucking Associations staff and South Dakota's Congressional Delegation. We go there to represent South Dakota trucking industry interests. We carry a list of issues to discuss and make sure our message is heard. If you have any input or an issue you think needs to be carried to DC, please contact a member of the SDTA Executive Committee or contact me.

It is certainly nice to be back in my office in Sioux Falls. The mounds of paper on my desk are starting to get smaller and the staff is again getting used to my presence. I certainly hope it will soon be time to put the golf clubs into the car and uncover the Harley Davidson (and of course put on a new coat of wax).

Until next month, stay SAFE and think Spring!



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Teri has been a professional truck driver for nearly 30 years. She has been with A&A Express, LLC for the past 28 years. She has driven over 4 million accident-free miles.

She was named Driver of the Month twice before; once in March 2004 and again in April 2014.

Teri has been a member of the South Dakota Champions Club for many years. She has participated in the SD Truck Driving Championships 18 times and the National Truck Driving Championships 6 times.

She is a committed driver. She is safety conscious. She's a people person and a great employee.

She and her dogs reside in Sioux Falls, SD.

The South Dakota Trucking Association joins the Safety Management Council in congratulating Teri Spencer for being selected as the March 2020 Driver of the Month.

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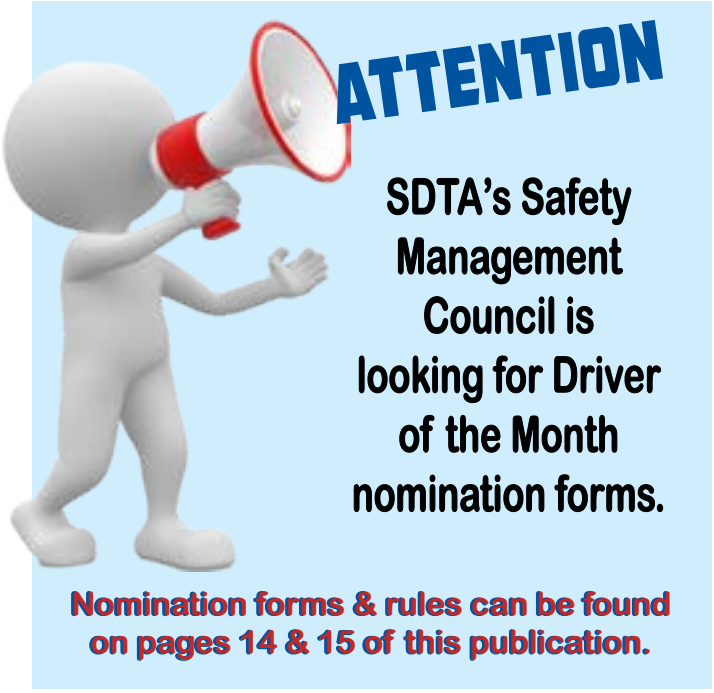

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 11, 2020

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ATA Hails Streamlining of Security Credentialing Process for Truck Drivers
New TSA Rule Will Allow Holders of TWIC Cards to Obtain Hazmat Endorsements

Arlington, Virginia – Today, the American Trucking Associations applauded the Transportation Security Administration for taking the long overdue, but important, step to allow drivers who hold a Transportation Worker Identification Credential to also obtain a hazardous materials endorsement on their license without an additional security threat assessment or associated fee.

"The announcement by TSA that they will now allow drivers with a TWIC to more quickly and easily receive a hazmat endorsement eliminates costly and duplicitous background checks for drivers," said **ATA Vice President of Safety Policy Dan Horvath**. "ATA has long urged federal agencies to eliminate these redundant background checks for drivers, notably the TWIC/HME issue."

In 2018, ATA along with National Tank Truck Carriers, submitted comments to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration regarding the issuance of a hazardous materials endorsements. As part of these comments, ATA and NTTC urged the agency to modify the requirements on states for issuing HMEs to align with federal law. Specifically, ATA and NTTC requested the agency acknowledge language in the Federal Aviation Reauthorization Act of 2018, which explicitly empowers states to issue HMEs to drivers who already hold a valid TWIC. ATA and NTTC also requested that FMCSA issue guidance to the states regarding the best method to ascertain whether a TWIC is valid.

"We appreciate TSA making this common sense change, a change that will keep our highways safe while reducing the administrative burden on drivers and costs to our industry," said Horvath.

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From: John Lynch <jlynch@trucking.org>
Date: February 13, 2020 at 08:30:47 PST
Subject: UCR Fees Posted - Federal Register

FINAL RULE OF FEES FOR THE UNIFIED CARRIER REGISTRATION PLAN AND AGREEMENT CAN BE FOUND BY GOING TO:

https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/02/13/2020-01761/fees-for-the-unified-carrier-registration-plan-and-agreement

THIS FINAL RULE IS EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2020.

This rule establishes reductions in the annual registration fees the States collect from motor carriers, motor private carriers of property, brokers, freight forwarders, and leasing companies for the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR) Plan and Agreement for the registration years beginning in 2020. For the 2020 registration year, the fees will be reduced by 14.45 percent below the 2018 registration fee level to ensure that fee revenues collected do not exceed the statutory maximum, and to account for the excess funds held in the depository. The fees will remain at the same level for 2021 and subsequent years unless revised in the future. The reduction of the current 2019 registration year fees (finalized on December 28, 2018) range from approximately $3 to $2,712 per entity, depending on the number of vehicles owned or operated by the affected entities.

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  ***NOTE:** Involvement in an accident involving an animal is not a disqualifying event as long as the only injury/fatality is to the animal AND provided that the only vehicle damage is from the initial impact with the animal (i.e., not due to swerving to miss the animal or losing control after hitting the animal).*

- **They must have been a driver 11 of the past 12 months for the employer who is entering the driver.**
- **Drivers entered must not have had a violation of 49 CFR Part 382 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.**
- **The driver must be a permanent resident of South Dakota or regularly dispatched from or reporting to a terminal domiciled in South Dakota.**

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   - A family member of an employee of the South Dakota Trucking Association.

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SDTA DRIVER OF THE MONTH RULES

Each month the SDTA Safety Management Council reviews the nominations and votes to select the next months winner. At the Annual Convention the past 12 monthly winners interview to be named the S.D. Driver of the Year.

Driver may be nominated for Driver of the Month for any outstanding act of heroism, a contribution to highway safety, an extraordinary act of courtesy, an exceptional deed or act of service to mankind within the community reflecting positively on the motor carrier industry, or for a long period of safe and courteous driving. An outstanding act shall be deemed to mean unusual or other than the normal every day courtesies afforded by truck drivers.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. The nominated driver must be an employee of a member in good standing of the South Dakota Trucking Association.
2. The nominated driver must have been employed by the present employer for at least two years and have a minimum of five years overall experience.
3. South Dakota domiciled* drivers are eligible for nomination for an outstanding act performed in any state.

   * The intent of the word "domiciled" shall be interpreted to mean: Any driver reporting to or regularly dispatched from a terminal within the State of South Dakota (in keeping with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations definition of his home terminal) regardless of where the driver may dwell.
4. A driver may receive the Driver of the Month award only one time in any contest year. He/she may be renominated in any subsequent year.
5. Nominations for outstanding acts on the highway shall be accompanied by supporting evidence (letters, statements, news clipping, etc.). A clear, factual account is absolutely necessary. Vague generalizations will not be accepted.
6. A copy of recent driver motor vehicle record check must accompany the nomination.
7. Drivers nominated and not selected as Driver of the Month will be held over and used in the following month's selection. Nominees not selected in either of these two months may be re-nominated for any future month's selection.
8. Entries must be in the office of the South Dakota Trucking Association no later than the 10th of each month for that current month's contest.
9. Nominations may be made by any party, but must be approved by the employer or a representative of the employer.
10. The annual contest will run from September of the previous year through August of the current year.
11. Company agrees to submit a professional, head and shoulders, black and white photo of entry upon notification of winning. (3" X 5" preferred)

Nomination form on page 15

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DRIVER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Date _____ Jacket Size _____

Name of Driver _____ Age _____

Marital Status _____ Spouse Name _____

Residence Address (in full) _____

Children & Ages _____

Name of Carrier _____

Home Terminal Address (in full) _____

Phone Number _____

Years Employed by Present Employer _____ Total Years Experience _____

Type of Equipment Operated ☐ Truck ☐ Tractor-Semitrailer ☐ Doubles ☐ Other _____

Type of Driving ☐ Over the Road ☐ City ☐ Other _____

Total Mileage _____ Mileage with Present Employer _____

Total Number of Accidents: Chargeable: _____ Dates _____

Non-Chargeable: _____ Dates _____

Has your driver ever been selected as a driver of the month or year in South Dakota or any other state? ___ Yes ___ No

If yes, explain when and where _____

Participation in truck driving championships or other transportation related activities:

_____

_____

Basis of Nomination: _____

_____

_____

⭐With this entry, company agrees to send their driver, if selected as Driver of the Month, to the South Dakota Trucking Association Annual Convention where driver will participate in a PERSONAL INTERVIEW. Selection of Driver of the Year will be made following ALL personal interviews. Drivers not being interviewed will not be eligible for Driver of the Year honors. Interview times will be scheduled Friday afternoon during the convention.

⭐With this entry, company agrees to submit Driver of the Year Entry Form for National Competition if your driver is selected as South Dakota's Driver of the Year.

Nominated by _____ **Title** _____

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March 13, 2020

Dear ATA Member,

Following President Trump's address, we understand that FMCSA will be issuing an emergency proclamation suspending federal hours-of-service (HOS) regulations for operations engaged in emergency relief related to COVID-19. We expect FMCSA to post the specific criteria of this proclamation on their website, including clarifying information about the types of loads and work covered. Motor Carriers and drivers remain responsible for ensuring that drivers are receiving sufficient rest and are not operating fatigued. ATA will continue to monitor any emergency proclamations and will notify ATA membership as soon as they become available. For more information, please reach out to the ATA Safety Policy Team.

Additionally, Congress and the President are negotiating an initial emergency legislative package, which is scheduled to be taken up in the House soon, most likely today. ATA legislative staff are reviewing the current package and negotiations, and an update will be shared later today with a summary of that package. There is also discussion of future legislation that could be taken up as early as next week. Areas like sick leave, small business assistance, food assistance and other areas are all under review. The situation is fluid and changing daily, if not hourly, but we are tracking your calls and input and tracking work by policymakers. Stay tuned.

Thank you.

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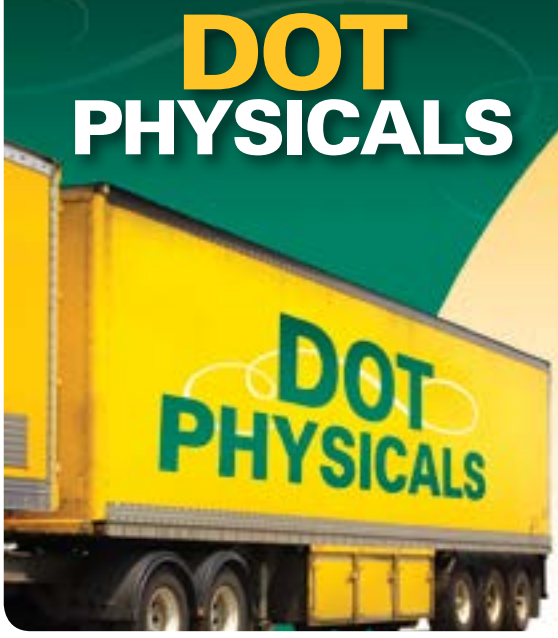

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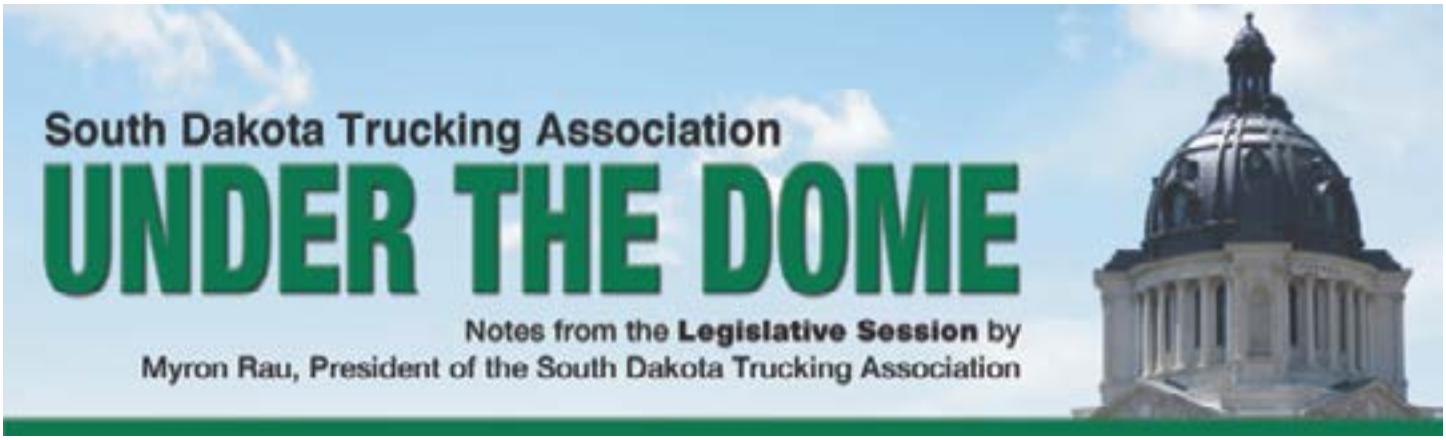

SDTA BILL TRACKING FOR 2020 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

***Bills that reached final disposition
##Bills brought for consideration by the SDTA

For further and more detailed information about any of these Bills or other Bills, go to the website: sdlegislature.gov

HOUSE BILLS

Bill #: HB 1008: Legalize the growth and production of industrial hemp and derivative products in the state, and to declare an emergency.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Passed House Chamber, Passed Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Sent to Governor

***Bill #: HB 1078: Exempt firearms from retail sales tax and use tax.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Killed in House Taxation Committee

***Bill #: HB 1083: Rename the postsecondary technical institutes as technical colleges.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed House Education Committee, Passed House Chamber, Passed Senate Education Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

***Bill #: HB 1084: Increase the maximum allowable height of certain vehicles carrying baled feed.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Passed Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

***Bill #: HB 1085: Exempt this state from the observation of daylight savings time.
SDTA Position: Oppose
Bill Status: Passed House State Affairs Committee, Killed in House Chamber

***##Bill #: HB 1091: Revise provisions regarding the compensation of merchandise dealers for diagnostic and warranty work.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

Bill #: 1094: Repeal certain provisions regarding permits for concealed pistols.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, Passed House Chamber, Passed Senate Judiciary Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Sent to Governor

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Myron Rau, President of the South Dakota Trucking Association

Bill #: HB 1154: Revise certain provisions regarding motor vehicle license plates.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Sent to Governor

***Bill #: HB 1161: Revise the provision regarding emblem license plates.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Killed in House Transportation Committee

Bill #: HB 1169: Prohibit the use of certain electronic devices while driving.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Passed Senate Judiciary Committee, Sent to Governor

***Bill #: HB 1262: Revise provisions regarding electric service in annexed areas.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed House State Affairs, Passed House Chamber, Killed in Senate Commerce and Energy Committee

***Bill #: HB 1284: Revise provisions regarding the titling of motor vehicles.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Killed in House Transportation Committee

SENATE BILLS

***Bill #: SB 14: revise registration requirements for motor vehicles, motorcycles, snowmobiles, trailers, and semitrailers.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

Bill #: SB 21: Authorize temporary variable speed limits on state highways under certain circumstances.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Sent to Governor

***Bill #: SB 30: Update references to certain federal motor carrier regulations.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

***Bill #: SB 52: Create a state seal specialty plate emblem.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

***Bill #: SB 68: Revise the penalty for the misuse of emblem specialty plates on motor vehicles.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Killed in Senate Taxation Committee

***Bill #: SB 69: Revise the penalty for the misuse of emblem specialty plates on motor vehicles.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Sent to Governor, Signed by Governor

Bill #: SB 70: Authorize other languages to be used in the process of issuing certain driver licenses and permits.
SDTA Position: Support
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Sent to Governor

***Bill #: SB 85: Establish an annual fee for certain electric motor vehicles and electric hybrid motor vehicles.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Killed in Senate Transportation Committee

Bill #: SB 149: Revise provisions regarding emblem specialty plates.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Passed Senate Transportation Committee, Passed Senate Chamber, Passed House Transportation Committee, Passed House Chamber, Sent to Governor

***Bill #: SB 178: Increase funding for counties and townships by increasing the excise tax rate on motor fuel.
SDTA Position: Watch
Bill Status: Killed in Senate Taxation Committee

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this is working from the better sections to the horrible sections. When the studies were done back in 2013 the road had not yet gotten this bad. You would think that it wouldn't that big of an issue to just reverse it and work from south to north, but there is more to this than we all realize. We certainly can't and don't want to see it start over again from square one. DOT realizes there will have to be a certain number of repairs done before replacement in many areas.

FMCSA sent HOS reform back to the White House Office of Management Budget (OMB) on March 2nd for final approval. OMB by federal law has 90 days to approve or deny the final proposed rule change, but could extend it out to 120 days if deemed necessary. It could be approved any time before June, but shouldn't be any later than July. We don't yet know what all changes are proposed, but I am optimistic that we will see many if not all the changes we requested. I don't believe any of them were unrealistic, uncalled for or unsafe.

Among the proposed changes: split sleeper berth on the 10 hours required; extending the 14-hours on-duty time by two hours for inclement weather; splitting the 30-minute rest break, and extending the 12-hour day to a 14-hour day with a 150 mile air radius, rather than the existing 100 mile air radius.

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- Spring Log Haulers Seminar - Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the First Gold Gaming Resort, Deadwood, SD.
- SDTA 2020 Call on Washington - April 20, 21 and 22, 2020
- Spring/Summer Board of Directors Meeting and the Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event at the AmericInn, Chamberlain. The Executive Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on May 7, 2020 followed by a full board meeting starting at 1:00 p.m. on the same day. The fishing Calcutta will be held after a social and hosted dinner. The Cliff Tjaden Fishing Event is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on May 8, 2020.
- South Dakota Truck Driving Championships, Southeast Technical Institute, Sioux Falls, SD starting at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2020.
- SDTA 2020 Call on Washington - April 20 through 22, 2020 (we will be joining the Minnesota Delegation).
- Wheel Jam, State Fairgrounds, Huron, SD - June 4 through June 7, 2020.
- 14th Annual West River Poker Run - 10:00 a.m. Saturday, June 27, 2020 starting in Rapid City.
- West River SDTA and Logging Industry Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Sunday, June 28, 2020 at Tomahawk Golf Course south of Deadwood.
- East River Golf Event - 9:00 a.m. shotgun start on Thursday, July 23, 2020 at the Brandon Golf Course.
- National Truck Driving Championships - Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, IN on August 19 through 23, 2020.
- Annual Convention - Deadwood Mountain Grand, Deadwood on September 9 - 11, 2020.
- West River Legislative Reception - Minerva's in Rapid City - Monday, November 9, 2020, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (west river time).
- Annual guided pheasant hunt is on Thursday, November 12, 2020 - leave the hotel in Pierre at 9:00 a.m.
- SDTA Fall Board of Directors Meeting - Executive Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. with the full board to convene at 10:00 a.m. all at RedRossa, Pierre, SD on Friday, November 13, 2020.
- East River Legislative Reception (NextGen Group meeting at 4:30) - Minerva's in Sioux Falls - Thursday, December 10, 2020, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (east river time).
- Winter Executive Committee Meeting - 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 8, 2021 at the Ramkota Hotel & Convention Center, Pierre. Followed by the Winter Board of Directors Meeting at 12:30 p.m. The Winter Reception with Legislators will follow at 6:00 p.m. All events of the day are scheduled at the Ramkota River Centre in Pierre.

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