

Motor Carrier Law Updates; HB 2177

HB 2177 amends certain statutes related to motor carriers:

The bill:

- Deletes an outdated reference to a “local wrecker permit”;
- Requires each intrastate driver for a private motor carrier, in addition to each intrastate driver for a public motor carrier, to be at least 18 years old and clearly exempts the intrastate driver of a farm vehicle from that age requirement;
- Amends the seating capacity of a motor vehicle exempt from state motor carrier rules and regulations when not transporting people for profit from 15 plus the driver to 15 including the driver;
- Removes an exemption from state motor carrier rules and regulations for vehicles used to transport water for domestic or livestock consumption (which are exempted elsewhere in statute); and
- Removes language related to materials authorized to be transported by intrastate farmers in nonspecification bulk packaging which were redundant to provisions in the Kansas Corporation Commission's rules and regulations.

The bill also amends a section of the Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act to clarify the exemption for a farm vehicle used either in intrastate commerce or in interstate commerce within 150 air miles of any farm or farms owned or leased by the farm vehicle's registered owner.