

Decatur Road & Bridge

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Ernie,

Thanks for the info on the proposed amendment to be presented by Adam Smith. TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, As a 40 plus year veteran of public service I can say the last 10-15 years have been the most trying with all the changes and requirements that we as a rural district have had to deal with. Most requirements that we deal with are for the better although some just are very confusing. The most difficult problem we have at the moment in an environment of getting people to apply for a position that could be good help is that we require a class A CDL to make a better hourly wage. But to replace a blade operator that will not be required to drive a SEMI and just maintain a section of the county by blading and mowing as it is now you cannot find applicants as easy. A new CDL holder is more apt to say if I need to get that CDL just to run a blade, I might as well get a CDL and run over the road in a semi and make a whole lot more money. We (Osborne Co.) have also hired applicants and, trained them, took them to test, furnished a truck to test in, and paid for their endorsements. Not saying they couldn't have filled in driving a truck once in awhile but the hire was really for blade operator and bridge work. They attained the CDL basically for free and then move on to drive a truck over the road. With that being said and I could go on and on, please consider amending this bill as Rep. Adam Smith presents it to you and THANK-YOU in advance.

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