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# H. R. 2766

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 5, 1999

Mr. LIPINSKI (for himself and Mr. COSTELLO) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Foreign Truck Safety  
5       Act”.

6       **SEC. 2. AMENDMENT TO TITLE 49.**

7       Section 31142 of title 49, United States Code, is  
8       amended by adding at the end the following:

1 “(g) INSPECTION OF CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.—

2 “(1) REQUIREMENT.—No commercial motor ve-  
3 hicle that enters the United States along the United  
4 States-Mexico border after January 2, 2000, may be  
5 operated in the United States by a foreign motor  
6 carrier or a foreign motor private carrier (as such  
7 terms are defined under section 13102) unless such  
8 vehicle has passed, in the 12-month period preceding  
9 such entry into the United States, an inspection  
10 under subsection (a).

11 “(2) FEES.—The Secretary or a State con-  
12 ducting inspections to carry out this subsection may  
13 impose and collect such fees on foreign motor car-  
14 riers and foreign motor private carriers as may be  
15 necessary to cover the costs of such inspections.

16 “(3) LIMITATIONS ON STATUTORY CONSTRUC-  
17 TION.—Nothing in this subsection shall be construed  
18 to—

19 “(A) prohibit a commercial motor vehicle  
20 from being operated without compensation in  
21 the United States for the sole purpose of reach-  
22 ing the place of inspection closest to its border  
23 crossing point; and

24 “(B) authorize the operation of a commer-  
25 cial motor vehicle in the United States by a for-

1           eign motor carrier or a foreign motor private  
2           carrier if such vehicle has failed its most recent  
3           inspection under subsection (a) and has not had  
4           the necessary repairs to correct the defects  
5           identified in such inspection.”.

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