

**SENATE BILL NO. 163**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 1/26/18

Referred: Transportation, State Affairs

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to commercial motor vehicles."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 19.10.300(f)(1) is amended to read:

4 (1) "commercial motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle or a  
5 combination of a motor vehicle and one or more other vehicles

6 (A) used to transport passengers or property for commercial  
7 purposes;

8 (B) used on [UPON] a land highway or vehicular way or area;  
9 and

10 (C) that

11 (i) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross  
12 combination weight rating greater than 26,000 pounds; or

13 (ii) is designed to transport more than 15 passengers,  
14 including the driver;

15 (D) except that the following vehicles meeting the criteria in

1 (A) - (C) of this paragraph are not commercial motor vehicles:

2 (i) emergency or fire equipment that is necessary to the  
3 preservation of life or property;

4 (ii) **covered** farm vehicles **operating anywhere in the**  
5 **state** [THAT ARE CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY A  
6 FARMER; USED TO TRANSPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,  
7 FARM MACHINERY, OR FARM SUPPLIES TO OR FROM THAT  
8 FARMER'S FARM; NOT USED IN THE OPERATIONS OF A  
9 COMMON OR CONTRACT MOTOR CARRIER; AND USED  
10 WITHIN 150 MILES OF THE FARMER'S FARM]; and

11 (iii) vehicles used exclusively for purposes other than  
12 commercial purposes;

13 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 19.10.399(1) is amended to read:

14 (1) "commercial motor vehicle" means a self-propelled or towed  
15 **motor** vehicle

16 (A) used to transport passengers or property for commercial  
17 purposes;

18 (B) used **on** [UPON] a highway or vehicular way **or area**; and

19 (C) that

20 (i) has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross  
21 combination weight rating, or **gross vehicle weight or gross**  
22 **combination weight of 10,001 pounds or more** [GREATER THAN  
23 10,000 POUNDS] for vehicles used in interstate commerce and 14,000  
24 pounds **or more** for vehicles used in intrastate commerce; [OR]

25 (ii) is designed to transport more than 15 passengers,  
26 including the driver; **or**

27 **(iii) is used to transport material found by the**  
28 **United States Secretary of Transportation to be hazardous under**  
29 **49 U.S.C. 5103 and is transported in any quantity requiring**  
30 **placarding;**

31 (D) **for the purposes of intrastate commerce** [EXCEPT

1 THAT] the following vehicles meeting the criteria in **(A) and (B) and either**  
 2 **(C)(i) or (ii)** [(A) - (C)] of this paragraph are not commercial motor vehicles:

3 (i) emergency or fire equipment that is necessary to the  
 4 preservation of life or property;

5 (ii) **covered** farm vehicles **operating anywhere in the**  
 6 **state** [THAT ARE CONTROLLED AND OPERATED BY A  
 7 FARMER; USED TO TRANSPORT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,  
 8 FARM MACHINERY, OR FARM SUPPLIES TO OR FROM THAT  
 9 FARMER'S FARM; NOT USED IN THE OPERATIONS OF A  
 10 COMMON OR CONTRACT MOTOR CARRIER; AND USED  
 11 WITHIN 150 MILES OF THE FARMER'S FARM];

12 (iii) school buses **used for school bus operations**;

13 (iv) vehicles owned and operated by the federal  
 14 government unless the vehicle is used to transport property of the  
 15 general public for compensation in competition with other persons who  
 16 own or operate a commercial motor vehicle subject to AS 19.10.310 -  
 17 19.10.399, and except to the extent that regulation of vehicles operated  
 18 by the federal government is permitted by federal law; and

19 (v) vehicles used exclusively for purposes other than  
 20 commercial purposes;

21 \* **Sec 3.** AS 19.10.399 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

22 (14) "covered farm vehicle" means a straight or articulated vehicle

23 (A) registered in the state with a license plate or other  
 24 designation issued by the state that allows law enforcement officials to identify  
 25 it as a farm vehicle;

26 (B) operated by the owner or operator of a farm or ranch, or an  
 27 employee or family member of an owner or operator of a farm or ranch;

28 (C) used to transport agricultural commodities, livestock,  
 29 machinery, or supplies to or from a farm or ranch; and

30 (D) not used in for-hire motor carrier operations;

31 (15) "school bus" means a passenger motor vehicle that is designed or

1 used to carry more than 10 passengers in addition to the driver and that is likely to be  
2 used to transport public pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary school students to  
3 and from school;

4 (16) "school bus operations" means the use of a school bus to transport  
5 students and school personnel to and from school.