

110TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 3271

To amend the definition of commercial motor vehicle in section 31101 of title 49, United States Code, to exclude certain farm vehicles, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 16, 2008

Mr. INHOFE introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. DEFINITION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEH-  
4                    CLE.**

5       Section 31101(1)(A) of title 49, United States Code,  
6 is amended to read as follows:

7                   “(A)(i) except for vehicles described in  
8                    clause (ii), has a gross vehicle weight rating or

1                   gross vehicle weight of at least 10,001 pounds;

2                   or

3                   “(ii) is primarily engaged in the transpor-  
4                   tation of agricultural commodities or farm sup-  
5                   plies and has a gross vehicle weight rating or  
6                   gross vehicle weight of at least the minimum  
7                   weight of a commercial motor vehicle (as de-  
8                   fined by the State in which it is being oper-  
9                   ated);”.

10 **SEC. 2. PRESERVATION OF GRANTS FOR STATES THAT IN-**  
11                   **CREASE THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR COM-**  
12                   **MERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES.**

13                   Section 31102 of title 49, United States Code, is  
14 amended by adding at the end the following:

15                   “(f) PRESERVATION OF GRANTS FOR STATES THAT  
16 INCREASE THE MINIMUM WEIGHT FOR COMMERCIAL  
17 MOTOR VEHICLES.—The Secretary may not withhold  
18 grant funding from a State under this section solely be-  
19 cause the State authorizes drivers of vehicles engaged in  
20 the transportation of agricultural commodities or farm  
21 supplies that have a gross vehicle weight of more than  
22 10,000 pounds and less than 26,001 pounds, to operate  
23 without complying with Federal regulations relating to  
24 commercial motor vehicles.”.

