

A RESOLUTION urging private industry to aid the Transportation Cabinet in reducing the current commercial truck parking space shortage in the Commonwealth and urging law enforcement to enforce current statutes in an effort to reduce illegal commercial truck parking.

WHEREAS, in a recent federal survey 75 percent of commercial truck drivers reported regularly experiencing problems with finding safe parking locations when rest was needed and 90 percent reported struggling to find safe and available parking during night hours; and

WHEREAS, truck drivers sometimes resort to parking in unsafe locations such as along the shoulders of highways and off-ramps when they cannot find a parking space in a rest area; and

WHEREAS, truck drivers are sometimes unable to comply with federal hours-of-service regulations concerning driver rest and sleep requirements due to inadequate rest areas and a lack of other available safe parking; and

WHEREAS, this is an issue that will only grow, as total freight tonnage is projected to increase 51 percent in the years 2007 to 2040; and

WHEREAS, commercial trucks are involved in approximately 10 percent of all fatal accidents on interstates and parkways in Kentucky. One particular incident involved Kentuckian Todd McCall, who tragically lost his life when his vehicle struck an 18-wheeler truck that was illegally parked on an off-ramp; and

WHEREAS, an analysis found that, from 2010 to 2013, 848 crashes matched the criteria for either being shoulder-related or fatigue-related. Of those crashes, 239 were related to commercial truck parking; and

WHEREAS, a Kentucky Transportation Center study found that a positive relationship exists between rest area spacing greater than 30 miles and fatigue-related single-vehicle truck crashes; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky Transportation Center has identified sites that are

candidates for expansion of existing spaces or the development of a new facility to provide more parking. Those locations include two exits off of I-64, ten exits off of I-65, three exits off of I-71, and 13 exits off of I-75;

NOW, THEREFORE,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

➔Section 1. The House of Representative urges private industry to aid in reducing the current commercial truck parking space shortage by developing businesses that provide commercial truck parking in the locations identified by the Kentucky Transportation Center's Research Report on Commercial Truck Parking and Other Safety Issues (KTC-15-04/SPR14-478-1F).

➔Section 2. The House of Representatives urges law enforcement and commercial vehicle enforcement to enforce the provisions of subsection (3) of KRS 189.450, which prohibits vehicles from being parked, stopped, or allowed to stand on the shoulders of any toll road, interstate highway, or other fully controlled access highway, including ramps.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall forward a copy of this Resolution with notification of its adoption to Erik Dunnigan, Acting Secretary, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Old Capitol Annex, 300 West Broadway, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 and to Kentucky State Police Commissioner Rodney Brewer, 919 Versailles Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.