

1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Department of Transportation to expand
2 the agricultural exemptions related to electronic logging devices.

3 WHEREAS, 49 C.F.R. pt. 395 sets forth operational rules and procedures that apply
4 to commercial motor carriers and drivers, and limits the total number of hours a
5 commercial driver may be on duty each day; and

6 WHEREAS, 49 C.F.R. pt. 395 requires commercial drivers of vehicles
7 manufactured in the year 2000 or after to use electronic logging devices that
8 automatically record a driver's driving time and facilitate the accurate recording of the
9 driver's hours of service; and

10 WHEREAS, 49 C.F.R. sec. 395.1(k) exempts commercial drivers from hours of
11 service limitations and electronic logging device use requirements if drivers are
12 transporting agricultural commodities or farm supplies for agricultural purposes; and

13 WHEREAS, some livestock haulers, such as individuals participating in the horse
14 show industry, are currently not exempt from the regulations found in 49 C.F.R. pt. 395
15 that limit haulers to 11 hours of driving in any 14-hour period and require haulers to stop
16 and rest for at least 10 hours before resuming a journey; and

17 WHEREAS, many nonexempt equine owners are involved in showing, racing,
18 rodeos, and other recreational events that often require hauling over long distances and
19 across state lines; and

20 WHEREAS, disruptions in transit caused by these regulations are not only
21 inconvenient and burdensome on livestock haulers, but are also detrimental to the welfare
22 and safety of the livestock and present significant biosecurity concerns; and

23 WHEREAS, unimpeded domestic transit of equines is critical to the continuity of
24 the equine industry, which has a unique and enormous impact on Kentucky's economy;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, according to the American Horse Council, Kentucky's equine industry
27 has a total economic impact of almost four billion dollars and accounts for approximately

1 80,000 jobs across the Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, Kentucky hosts numerous sport horse events like the World Equestrian
3 Games, which alone had an estimated economic impact of nearly 400 million dollars and
4 brought thousands of competitors and spectators from around the world; and

5 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to approximately 240,000 horses, including
6 approximately 54,000 Thoroughbreds, approximately 42,000 Quarter Horses, and a
7 number of other breeds;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The Senate urges the United States Department of Transportation to
12 expand the agricultural exemptions found in 49 C.F.R. pt. 395 to include all livestock
13 haulers, including those involved in equine shows, races, rodeos, and other recreational
14 events.

15 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate shall send a copy of this Resolution and
16 notification of its adoption to the Secretary of the United States Department of
17 Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20590, and to each
18 member of Kentucky's delegation to the United States Congress.