

1 by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that contains driver-specific controlled
2 substance and alcohol records, effective November 18, 2024; and

3 WHEREAS, the new regulations require state driver's licensing agencies not issue,
4 renew, upgrade, or transfer a commercial driver's license for any individual prohibited under
5 the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's regulations from performing safety-
6 sensitive functions, including driving a commercial motor vehicle, due to one or more drug
7 or alcohol program violations; and

8 WHEREAS, when the new regulations take effect in November of 2024, commercial
9 drivers' licenses will be appropriately restricted for driving a commercial vehicle following
10 a failed or refused Department of Transportation drug or alcohol test; and

11 WHEREAS, tragic situations such as Katie Grantham's necessitated changes in the
12 federal regulations regarding commercial driver's licenses for operators with previously
13 failed or refused Department of Transportation drug and alcohol tests; and

14 WHEREAS, it is through the relentless dedication and persistence of Katie
15 Grantham's loving family that efforts are still being made to prevent avoidable tragedies like
16 this in the future; and

17 WHEREAS, these families recognize the urgent need to implement changes now,
18 which is why there is no time for the office of motor vehicles to await delayed
19 implementation when acting at this very moment could save lives; and

20 WHEREAS, the new regulations are a significant step forward in addressing the issue
21 of potentially impaired drivers operating commercial motor vehicles and should be
22 implemented as soon as possible.

23 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
24 urge and request the office of motor vehicles begin implementation of the new regulations
25 immediately or as soon as it can feasibly do so.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
27 secretary of the office of motor vehicles.

DIGEST

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Urges and requests the office of motor vehicles to begin implementing new federal regulations related to state driver's licensing agencies accessing and using information obtained through the federal Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse.