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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_ Calendar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose: To require the Secretary of Transportation to conduct a motorcoach hours of service study before implementing new driver hours of service regulations for motor carriers of passengers.

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—114th Cong., 1st Sess.**

**S. 1732**

To authorize elements of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. BLUNT

Viz:

- 1 On page 202, between lines 14 and 15, insert the fol-
- 2 lowing:
- 3 **SEC. 2608. MOTORCOACH HOURS OF SERVICE STUDY.**
- 4 (a) REQUIREMENT BEFORE IMPLEMENTING NEW
- 5 RULES.—
- 6 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may not
- 7 amend, adjust, or revise the driver hours of service
- 8 regulations for motor carriers of passengers, by rule-
- 9 making or any other means, until the Secretary con-
- 10 ducts a formal study that properly accounts for
- 11 operational differences and variances in crash data

1 for drivers in intercity motorcoach service and inter-  
2 state property carrier operations and between seg-  
3 ments of the intercity motorcoach industry.

4 (2) CONTENTS.—The study required under  
5 paragraph (1) shall include—

6 (A) the impact of the current hours of  
7 service regulations for motor carriers of pas-  
8 sengers on fostering safe operation of intercity  
9 motorcoaches;

10 (B) the separation of the failures of the  
11 current passenger carrier hours-of-service regu-  
12 lations and the lack of enforcement of the cur-  
13 rent regulations by Federal and State agencies;

14 (C) the correlation of noncompliance with  
15 current passenger carrier hours of service rule  
16 to passenger carrier accidents using data from  
17 2000 through 2013; and

18 (D) how passenger carrier crashes could  
19 have been mitigated by any changes to pas-  
20 senger carrier hours of service rules.

21 (b) EMERGENCY REGULATIONS.—Nothing in this  
22 section may be construed to affect the Secretary's existing  
23 authority to provide relief from the hours of service regula-  
24 tions in the event of an emergency under section 390.232  
25 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.