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MEMORANDUM

To: House Committee on Transportation
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: January 26, 2023
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2020

HB 2020 provides that the implementation or use of a motor carrier safety improvement that would be required by a motor carrier or such motor carrier’s related entity shall not affect, impact or change the worker status of a driver.

The bill defines the terms “motor carrier safety improvement” and “worker status.” “Motor carrier safety improvement” would mean any device, equipment, technology, policy, training program or practice to improve or facilitate compliance with traffic laws or vehicle and traffic safety. “Worker status” means the classification of a motor vehicle driver under state law if the driver transports property for compensation as an agent, employee or independent contractor for a motor carrier. Subsection (c) provides that this new section would be supplemental to other laws relating to the conditions of employment. This language mirrors similar language in other statutes to ensure that a section will be included in or near other like statutes and pick up any definitions or terms that are part of a certain act, chapter or article in the statutes.