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Drafter: Joseph Carroll,

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 3

INTRODUCED BY B. USHER

BY REQUEST OF THE TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO REVISE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE LAWS.

WHEREAS, federal requirements for commercial driver's licenses are cumbersome and confusing; and

WHEREAS, state governments are burdened with explaining and enforcing commercial driver's license laws; ~~and~~

WHEREAS, requiring commercial driver's licenses for small haulers unreasonably burdens small businesses and seems irrational when compared to the lack of federal regulation on hauling recreational vehicles; ~~and~~

WHEREAS, requiring commercial driver's licenses for school bus drivers is a time-consuming and costly burden on rural school districts and their drivers, who are often senior citizens offering to do this vital work as a service to their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Montana Legislature ~~Urges-urges~~ the United States Congress to revise commercial driver's license laws so that a person driving a pickup truck hauling nonhazardous material on a single trailer does not need a commercial driver's license.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Montana Legislature urges the United States Congress to revise commercial driver's license laws so that school buses have a less burdensome and less costly level of licensure that is appropriate to the specific requirements of driving a school bus with children.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation, to the members of the Transportation and Infrastructure

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1 Committee of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the Commerce, Science, and
2 Transportation Committee of the United States Senate, to the members of the Education and Workforce
3 Committee of the United States House of Representatives, to the members of the Health, Education, Labor,
4 and Pensions Committee of the United States Senate, and to each legislature of the several states and
5 territories.

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