

1 WHEREAS, Texas and Mississippi drivers may operate vehicles with up to twenty-
2 six thousand pounds with a standard driver's license, yet Louisiana's standard license does
3 not cover the same vehicle weight class; and

4 WHEREAS, differences between state regulatory systems create operational
5 challenges, administrative burdens, and economic disadvantages for Louisiana drivers
6 compared to carriers operating in multiple jurisdictions with more advantageous state
7 regulations; and

8 WHEREAS, Louisiana businesses, ports, distribution centers, and energy
9 infrastructure depend heavily on efficient freight movement and competitive transportation
10 policies; and

11 WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of Louisiana's commercial motor vehicle
12 regulatory framework compared to neighboring states may identify opportunities to improve
13 efficiency, promote safety, and strengthen Louisiana's competitiveness as a regional
14 transportation hub.

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby
16 request the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of motor vehicles, in
17 coordination with the Department of Transportation and Development and other appropriate
18 state agencies, to conduct a study of the differences between Louisiana, Texas, and
19 Mississippi laws and regulations including but not limited to:

20 (1) Commercial driver's license classifications and endorsement requirements,
21 including hazardous materials endorsements.

22 (2) CDL issuance, renewal, and administrative procedures.

23 (3) Commercial motor vehicle size and weight limitations.

24 (4) Oversize and overweight load permitting policies.

25 (5) Commodity-specific transport regulations and exemptions.

26 (6) Other commercial motor vehicle operational requirements affecting interstate
27 freight movement.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall identify regulatory differences
29 that may affect interstate commercial drivers or Louisiana-based motor carriers operating
30 in multiple states and shall evaluate whether greater regulatory consistency with neighboring

