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FMCSA Seeking Comments on Proposed Revisions to HOS Rules

The U.S. Department of Transportation’s Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) [announced](#) on August 24 that it is seeking public comment on revising four specific areas of current hours-of-service (HOS) regulations, which limit the operating hours of commercial truck drivers.

The upcoming [Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(ANPRM\)](#), which will be published in the Federal Register, responds to widespread Congressional, industry, and citizen concerns and seeks feedback from the public to determine if HOS revisions may alleviate unnecessary burdens placed on drivers while maintaining safety on our nation’s highways and roads. **All comments must be received by September 24, 2018.**

The four specific areas under consideration for revision are:

- Expanding the current 100 air-mile “short-haul” exemption from 12 hours on-duty to 14 hours on-duty, in order to be consistent with the rules for long-haul truck drivers;
- Extending the current 14-hour on-duty limitation by up to two hours when a truck driver encounters adverse driving conditions;
- Revising the current mandatory 30-minute break for truck drivers after 8-hours of continuous driving; and
- Reinstating the option for splitting up the required 10-hour off-duty rest break for drivers operating trucks that are equipped with a sleeper-berth compartment.

In addition, the ANPRM seeks public comment and relevant data on two recently submitted petitions requesting regulatory relief from HOS rules (1) pertaining to the 14-hour on-duty limitation (filed by the Owner-Operators Independent Drivers Association) and (2) pertaining to the 10-hour off-duty requirement (filed by TruckerNation).

Earlier this year, the congressionally mandated electronic logging device (ELD) rule, which required most FMCSA-regulated motor carriers to convert their records from paper to an electronic format, became effective. While compliance with the ELD rule has reached nearly 99 percent across the trucking industry, it has also brought focus to HOS regulations, especially with regard to certain regulations having a significant impact on agriculture and other sectors of trucking.

For more information on how to submit comments to the FMCSA on this issue, [CLICK HERE](#) .

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Last Call for Ads in the 2018 Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon Event Journal



Please send in your ads to
LisaY@thebistate.com
Deadline Aug. 31, 2018

Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon: Join us on September 17th!

The Bi-State’s annual [Golf Outing and Awards Luncheon](#) will be held on Monday, September 17th at Galloping Hill Golf Course in Kenilworth, NJ. Please click the image at right to [download our Invitation](#).

Our primary honoree this year is FMCSA Administrator Ray Martinez, who will receive the prestigious Malcom McLean Memorial Award. Other awards to be given out: the Chairman’s Award, the Fallon Award for Best On-Pier Terminal, and the Dick Jones Awards for Outstanding Customer Service.

Participants at our Golf Outing will take part in a variety of skills contests with a chance to win prizes, and all will receive goody bags. The Luncheon will feature door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

The Golf Outing & Awards Luncheon provides an opportunity for our members to celebrate the accomplishments and hard work put forth by members of the port community during the past year, recognizing and acknowledging the collaborative effort that is required in order for the intermodal industry at the Port of NY & NJ to grow and thrive. Proceeds from the event fund our Scholarship program and all Bi-State activities throughout the year.

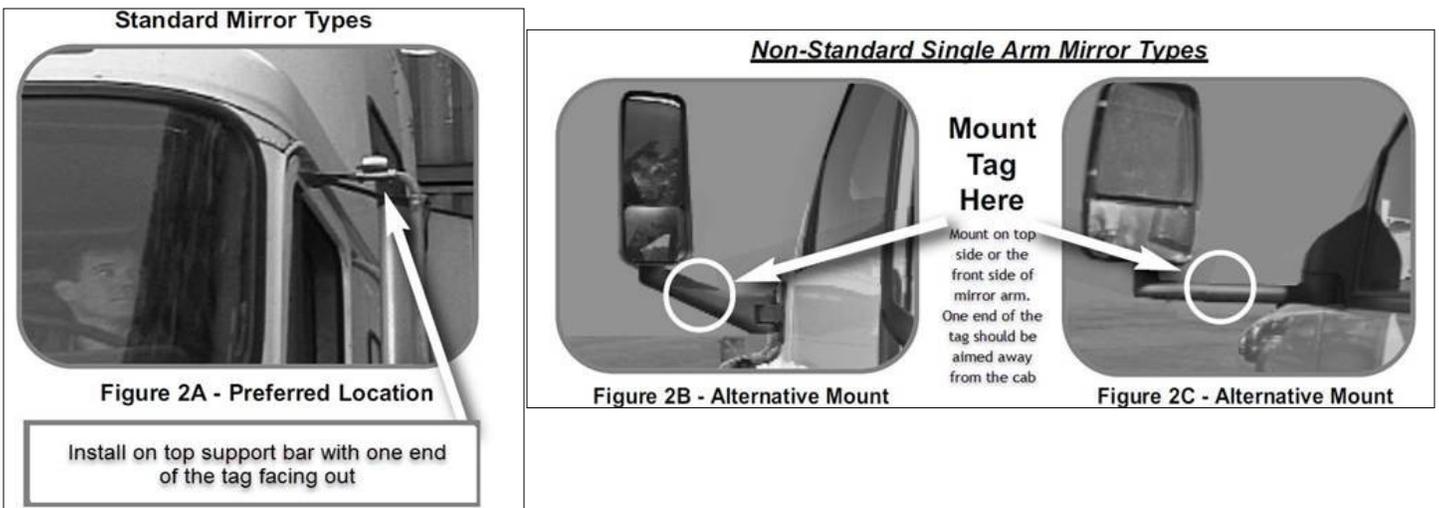
Tickets are \$300 per single golfer (includes cocktail reception and luncheon) or reserve a foursome for \$1,100. Tickets are available for the Luncheon-only at \$125 each, or save over 10% on a reserved table of 10 for just \$1,100.

Golf Packages, Event Journal Ads, and Hole Sponsorships are also available—[please see the invitation for details](#).



Drivers Reminded About Proper Placement of RFID Readers

After encountering instances of improperly installed RFID tags on trucks calling on the terminal, Port Newark Container Terminal recently sent out a helpful reminder for motor carriers on the correct placement of RFID readers (see photos, below). Drivers should also be made aware that the RFID tags cannot be sitting on the dash, and each truck should only have one tag. Your cooperation with proper RFID placement is appreciated.



TRAC Intermodal Names New President & CEO



Jennifer Polli

Jennifer Polli has been named to lead TRAC Intermodal as President and CEO, effective August 1, 2018. Her predecessor, Keith Lovetro, who served as TRAC's President & CEO since 2011, retired on July 31.

Since joining TRAC in 2012, Jennifer Polli has been a key member of the company's executive leadership team, and has been instrumental in executing the company's strategic objectives. She has in-depth knowledge of the industry and has led multiple business functions at TRAC, including pricing, asset management, marketing and product development.

Prior to her role at TRAC, Polli was a Vice President in Private Equity at Fortress Investment Group, focusing on investments in the transportation sector. She served as a Managing Director at FTI Consulting, where she provided financial and operational advisory services to transportation and retail companies. She holds an MBA in Finance from New York University and a B.A. from Tufts University.

TRAC Intermodal has the largest fleet of marine and specialty chassis in the U.S., and operates an extensive network of facilities comprised of over 600 marine locations, 60 depots, and 8 TRAC Service Centers.

APMT Testing New Driver's Assistance Process

As part of its ongoing Terminal Modernization Project, which includes a new inbound gate facility expected in the second quarter of 2019, APM Terminals in Elizabeth has begun testing a new Driver's Assistance (DA) Process. The process includes assistance kiosks, and a new layout that does not allow space for extensive DA parking. With safety for all a top priority, the terminal plans to escort drivers off the facility for certain trouble tickets that are easily avoidable. APMT urges all dispatchers to continue to use the various systems that are in place *prior to dispatch* to verify shipments, bookings, and freight holds (i.e., apmterminals.com, MyAPMT, TIPS, etc.) to avoid drivers being placed in a turn-around situation.

Representatives from the Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers were recently invited to attend a Focus Group and Demonstration of the new DA process, and were asked to provide feedback on the new system. "It was well-received" said Giovanni Antonuccio, General Manager of Client Services at APMT Elizabeth. "We took the constructive feedback back to our teams and look forward to a start date in the near future. As of now we will continue our testing using random truckers to help fix trouble tickets."



PANYNJ To Host TLD Job Fair in Newark on October 4

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey will host a Transportation, Logistics and Distribution Job Fair on Thursday, October 4, 2018, from 10am to 1pm at the Donald M. Payne School of Technology, 498-544 West Market Street in Newark.

According to the event's organizers, the TLD Job Fair will connect employers in the port community "with a pool of approximately 200 prospective new employees who are interested in becoming part of the dynamic workforce."

To sign up for a booth, please RSVP to TLDjobexpo@panynj.gov. Recruiters are invited to set up beginning at 9am. Tables and chairs will be provided, as well as light refreshments.





There are currently **14,000** truck drivers registered in the SeaLink system to serve the Port of NY & NJ

80% of these drivers are **Independent Owner Operators**

11,200 NY/NJ port drivers rely on the Independent Owner Operator model to support themselves and their families

 = 500 trucks



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sept. 6 Labor Day
- Sept. 9-15 National Truck Driver Appreciation Week
- Sept. 11 General Meeting
- Sept. 17 Golf Outing & Awards
- Oct. 9 General Meeting

Join us for our next
General Member Meeting*
Tuesday, September 11th
@ 1000 hours

NYSA Training Ctr. Auditorium
1210 Corbin Street
Elizabeth, NJ

**Meetings are for Bi-State Members only, and are not open to the public.*

HAVE A SAFE & HAPPY

LABOR DAY WEEKEND