

**AMENDMENT**

**OFFERED BY MR. KNOTT OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle A of title V, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 50 \_\_\_\_ . CRIMINAL PENALTIES; SUBMISSION OR USE OF**  
2 **FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATIONS.**

3 (a) **FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATION DEFINED.**—In  
4 this section, the term “fraudulent certification” means any  
5 statement, representation, or omission of fact, including  
6 in any writing or document, that—

7 (1) is material;

8 (2) is known by the person submitting or using  
9 it to be false, fictitious, misleading, or incomplete;  
10 and

11 (3) is submitted or used in connection with any  
12 registration, certification, filing, or compliance re-  
13 quirement administered by the Federal Motor Car-  
14 rier Safety Administration under chapter 5, 311,  
15 313, or 315 of title 49, United States Code.

16 (b) **CRIMINAL PENALTY.**—Any person who knowingly  
17 and willfully submits to the Administrator of the Federal  
18 Motor Carrier Safety Administration or otherwise uses a  
19 fraudulent certification and, by means of that fraudulent

1 certification or any authority or status obtained pursuant  
2 to that fraudulent certification, engages or attempts to en-  
3 gage in the unlawful transportation of property or pas-  
4 sengers in interstate commerce shall be fined under title  
5 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 5  
6 years, or both.

