

AMENDMENT

OFFERED BY MR. PATRONIS OF FLORIDA

At the end of section 1302 of the bill, add the following:

1 (i) OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED HAULING
2 VEHICLES ON THE INTERSTATE.—Section 127 of title 23,
3 United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the
4 following:

5 “(dd) OPERATION OF CERTAIN SPECIALIZED HAUL-
6 ING VEHICLES ON THE INTERSTATE.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A State may not prohibit
8 the operation of a stinger-steered combination auto-
9 mobile transporter with a gross weight of 88,000
10 pounds or less on—

11 “(A) any segment of the Interstate System
12 (except a system exempted under section
13 31111(f) of title 49); or

14 “(B) the classes of qualifying Federal air
15 primary highways designated by the Secretary
16 under section 31111(e) of title 49.

17 “(2) REASONABLE ACCESS.—No State may
18 enact or enforce a law denying reasonable access to
19 stinger-steered combination automobile transporters,

1 to and from highways described in paragraph (1), to
2 loading or unloading points or facilities for food,
3 fuel, repair, and rest.

4 “(3) AXLE WEIGHT TOLERANCE.—A State shall
5 allow a stinger-steered combination automobile
6 transporter an increase of not more than 10 percent
7 on the axle weight limitations set forth in subsection
8 (a).

9 “(4) STINGER-STEERED COMBINATION AUTO-
10 MOBILE TRANSPORTER DEFINED.—In this sub-
11 section, the term ‘stinger-steered combination auto-
12 mobile transporter’ means a truck tractor semitrailer
13 wherein the fifth wheel is located on a drop frame
14 located behind and below the rear-most axle of the
15 power unit.”

