

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
HOUSE BILL 925

45TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2001

AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A SECTION OF THE MOTOR  
TRANSPORTATION ACT TO PROVIDE FOR CROSS-BORDER PASSAGE OF  
MEXICAN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES; REQUIRING FINANCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY; PROVIDING AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. A new section of Chapter 65, Article 5 NMSA  
1978 is enacted to read:

"~~[NEW MATERIAL]~~ MEXICAN COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES--  
MOVEMENT THROUGH BORDER COMMERCIAL ZONE-- REGISTRATION  
EXEMPTION-- FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY-- DOMESTIC  
TRANSPORTATION. --

A. A Mexican commercial motor vehicle is exempt  
from requirements for motor vehicle registration in this  
state, including temporary registration, if the motor vehicle

1 is engaged solely in movement across the international border  
2 between New Mexico and the United Mexican States into or from  
3 an international border commercial zone, and the motor vehicle  
4 is registered and licensed as required by the law of another  
5 country. A Mexican commercial motor vehicle and its driver  
6 operating pursuant to the exemption under this section may be  
7 considered unregistered if the motor vehicle is operated in  
8 this state outside the border commercial zone or in violation  
9 of United States law.

10 B. The department shall adopt rules that conform  
11 with federal law requiring motor carriers operating Mexican  
12 commercial motor vehicles in this state to maintain financial  
13 responsibility.

14 C. A Mexican commercial motor vehicle shall not  
15 transport persons or cargo in intrastate commerce in this  
16 state unless the motor vehicle is authorized to conduct  
17 operations in interstate and foreign commerce domestically  
18 between points in the United States under federal law or  
19 international agreement.

20 D. As used in this section:

21 (1) "Mexican commercial motor vehicle" means  
22 a commercial motor carrier vehicle that is registered or  
23 titled in the United Mexican States; and

24 (2) "border commercial zone" means a  
25 commercial zone established pursuant to federal law or

1 regulations, any portion of which is contiguous to the border  
2 between this state and the United Mexican States. "

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