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Last day for consideration of non-exempt committee bills

March 23rd marks the last day for consideration of non-exempt committee bills. In simple terms, any bill that was introduced in a committee other than Taxation, Ways, and Means or Federal and State Affairs must be worked and passed out of committee or it's considered dead.

In even years, bills are either turned into law or considered dead. If they die they must restart the process to become a law. This differs from odd years where bills can be carried over into the following legislative session and can continue to be worked.

As for the platooning bill that was introduced by KMCA in the House Transportation Committee, it has been placed on hold until the 2019 legislative session to allow for more time for input by the Kansas Department of Transportation and other interested parties.

While KMCA does not have any bills that are being considered, executive director Tom Whitaker is keeping a close eye on a few bills that could affect the Kansas trucking industry including Senate Bill 285 and House Bill 2775 which establishes a new joint legislative transportation task force. Each of these bills has the vision to provide a solid foundation for the next transportation program in Kansas. While KMCA does support the vision, the task force proposed in the House and the Senate appear to be very large in size. KMCA has suggested a somewhat smaller number of members be appointed to the task force.

Additionally, KMCA has been keeping an eye on amendments offered on bills that are being worked, specifically an amendment that would include motor vehicle towing in the services to be subject to sales tax. After the amendment was offered it was withdrawn in the house due to a request to divide the amendment into six parts, making it a very lengthy division and debate. Only time will tell if this has been put to rest or if it will arise again.

Speaking of time, the Kansas Legislature is challenged with the task of ensuring the satisfactory funding for Kansas schools. In an effort to meet the requirements set forth by the Kansas Supreme court the Kansas Legislature could add additional taxes to help bridge the financial shortfall by the end of the legislative session.

KMCA will be keeping a watchful eye on the legislative action happening at the Kansas Statehouse.

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Pro Truck Driving Championships

Planning for Kansas Pro Truck Driving Championships is underway and we hope you've identified drivers that want to compete. Registration materials will be uploaded to the Kansas Motor Carriers Association website by April 16, 2018.



The Championships will take place in Topeka June 15-16, 2018 at the Kansas Expocentre. In order to be eligible, the professional driver must have an accident-free driving record between annual competitions, plus at least one year of service with their employer.

Drivers will prove their knowledge through completion of a written exam based on material from the Fact for Drivers book, perform a pre-trip inspection and navigate a six-part driving course. Those drivers with the best overall scores can place either first, second or third in their class. And the first place winners of each class will compete at the national Pro Truck Driving Championships in Columbus, Ohio on August 15-18, 2018.



One of the most common misconceptions is the competition is only for large fleets, but drivers from all fleets are evaluated on the same points system.

"We would urge all companies - large and small - to consider sending drivers to compete this year. Our Kansas drivers are some of the best on the road with millions of safe miles logged," said Tom Whitaker, KMCA Executive Director.

Last year's Kansas winners included: Bryan Studley of Walmart Transportation, Jeffery Thompson of FedEx Freight, Kaleb Diehl of YRC Freight, Gary Harms of Walmart Transportation, Jeff Davis of Walmart Transportation, Don Logan of FedEx Freight, Richard Williams of Walmart Transportation, John Bouddhara of FedEx Freight and Jason Damron.



Lawmakers Introduce DRIVE Safe Act

Creating a pathway to qualify more drivers for trucking profession while ensuring culture of safety

Reps. Duncan Hunter (R-Calif.) and Trey Hollingsworth (R-Ind.), with support from the International Foodservice Distributors Association and the American Trucking Associations, today introduced the DRIVE Safe Act, critical legislation that addresses the massive driver shortage affecting the movement of commerce in our country, while also promoting enhanced safety training for emerging members of this growing workforce.

"This legislation paves the way for new drivers to sustain a safe and efficient supply chain for the more than one million restaurants and foodservice outlets in the U.S.," said Mark Allen, president and CEO of IFDA. "This bill creates opportunity while reinforcing a culture of safety to provide our nation's youth with the critical skills they need to operate a truck in the 21st century."

A shortage in drivers has disproportionately impacted the foodservice distribution industry, which requires the timely delivery of tens of thousands of products each day. Further complicating matters, commercial drivers are currently stymied by laws, which in most states allow individuals to obtain a commercial driver's license at age 18, but prevent those operators from moving goods from state to state until they are 21. This restriction on interstate deliveries is particularly problematic in regions like the greater D.C. metro area where an emerging driver would be prohibited from making a quick trip between

Arlington, Virginia and Bethesda, Maryland. But the same driver could haul a load from Arlington to Norfolk, Virginia, a more than three-hour drive.

"This is a common-sense proposal that will open enormous opportunities for the 18-21 year-old population, giving them access to a high-paying profession free of the debt burden that comes with a four-year degree," said ATA President and CEO Chris Spear. "Moreover, this bill would strengthen training programs beyond current requirements to ensure safety and that drivers are best prepared."

"One of the top challenges facing motor carriers across the state is the driver shortage, which tightens capacity and squeezes our economy," said Gary Langston, president of the Indiana Motor Trucking Association. "We thank Congressman Hollingsworth for his leadership on introducing this bill – a commonsense measure that will create new job opportunities and career pathways for young Hoosiers and keep our economy moving forward in a safe and efficient manner."

The DRIVE Safe Act will help train younger drivers far and above current standards. Under the legislation, once a driver has met the requirements to obtain a CDL, they may begin a two-step program of additional training which includes rigorous performance benchmarks that each candidate must achieve. The program will require these drivers to complete at least 400 hours of on-duty time and 240 hours of driving time with an experienced driver in the cab with them. All trucks used for training in the program must be equipped with safety technology including active braking collision mitigation systems, video event capture and a speed governor set at 65 miles per hour or below.

Schedule of Events

April 19, 2018 KMCA Safety Awards Banquet Topeka	June 15-16, 2018 KS Truck Driving Championships Topeka	December 11, 2018 Safety Management Council Mtg. Salina
May 8, 2018 Safety Management Council Mtg. Hays	August 14, 2018 Safety Management Council Mtg. Wichita	
June 6, 2018 KMCA Pro Truck Golf Classic Newton	September 25-27, 2018 KMCA Annual Convention Salina	

Event Registration Safety Awards Banquet

The Safety Awards Banquet will be held at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka on Thursday, April 19, 2018. During the event, awards will be presented to the Drivers of the Month, Driver of the Year, Safety Professional of the Year and Fleet Safety Contest winners. Also, a new Kansas Road Team will be inducted. The Safety Awards Banquet is open to all KMCA member companies.

Event: Safety Awards Banquet

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2018

Time: Reception - 5:45 p.m.

Dinner and Awards - 6:30 p.m.

Location: Capitol Plaza Hotel - Emerald Ballroom

Banquet Reservation Price: \$45.00 per person

Reservation Deadline: Friday, April 13, 2018

Hotel Room: \$92.00

Reservation Line: (785) 431-7200

ATTENDEE INFORMATION

NAME: _____ COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

INCLUDING YOURSELF - HOW MANY GUESTS ARE WITH YOUR PARTY: _____

GUEST NAME: _____

REPRESENTATIVE ACCEPTING FLEET SAFETY AWARD (IF APPLICABLE): _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

CHECK ENCLOSED _____ VISA/MC/AMEX: _____

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*PLEASE NOTE PAYMENT MUST BE ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER OF GUEST _____ TOTAL COST _____

Sponsorship Opportunity

2018 Truck Driving Championships

The annual Kansas Truck Driving Championships are June 15-16, 2018 in Topeka. This event brings together professional truck drivers from across the state to compete for top honors and a chance to compete at the national level. Please find below the sponsorship form for this event.

Benefits of becoming a sponsor of the Truck Driving Championships include recognition at the banquet, sponsorship poster display, listing in the event program, KMCA publications, website and social media.

Available Sponsorship Levels

Diamond - \$1,000 and above

Platinum - \$500 - \$999

Gold - \$250 - \$499

Silver - \$1 - \$249

Your support at any level would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the sponsorship opportunities or would prefer to donate other items, please contact Shelby Stacy at sstacy@kmca.org. We appreciate your support in making the 2018 Kansas Truck Driving Championships a success.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

YES, WE WANT TO BE A SPONSOR!

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CONTACT NAME: _____

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EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

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CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

AUTHORIZATION SIGNATURE: _____

New ELD waiver for transporters of agricultural commodities & additional transition guidance

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announced additional steps to address the unique needs of the country's agriculture industries and provided further guidance to assist in the effective implementation of the Congressionally-mandated electronic logging device (ELD) rule without impeding commerce or safety.

The Agency is announcing an additional 90-day temporary waiver from the ELD rule for agriculture related transportation. Additionally, during this time period, FMCSA will publish final guidance on both the agricultural 150 air-mile hours-of-service exemption and personal conveyance. FMCSA will continue its outreach to provide assistance to the agricultural industry and community regarding the ELD rule.

"We continue to see strong compliance rates across the country that improve weekly, but we are mindful of the unique work our agriculture community does and will use the following 90 days to ensure we publish more helpful guidance that all operators will benefit from," said FMCSA Administrator Ray Martinez.

Since December 2017, roadside compliance with the hours-of-service record-keeping requirements, including the ELD rule, has been steadily increasing, with roadside compliance reaching a high of 96% in the most recent available data. There are over 330 separate self-certified devices listed on the registration list.

Beginning April 1, 2018, full enforcement of the ELD rule begins. Carriers subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that do not have an ELD when required will be placed out-of-service. The driver will remain out-of-service for 10 hours in accordance with the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) criteria. At that point, to facilitate compliance, the driver will be allowed to travel to the next scheduled stop and should not be dispatched again without an ELD. If the driver is dispatched again without an ELD, the motor carrier will be subject to further enforcement action.

The Agency is committed to continuing the ongoing dialogue on these issues.

The waiver and guidance will be published in the Federal Register. For more information on ELDs, please visit: www.fmcsa.dot.gov/eld.

2017 PEP Contributors

Public Education Program (PEP) is an important tool to deliver positive public information on the Kansas trucking industry. Members are asked to donate an amount equal to one-third of their member dues to fund the educational efforts. We wish to thank those members who have donated to the education efforts of the Kansas Motor Carriers Association.

New Members

Enhance your business network and knowledge by joining the Kansas Motor Carriers Association!

Benefits of membership include:

- Truck services assistance with new accounts, KCC and Federal Authority applications, process agent services, renewal processing and IFTA fuel tax reporting
- Safety services including hours of service training, fleet safety contest, informational seminars, and compliance question services
- Discounted supplies
- Publications - monthly Dispatch issues and the annual buyer's guide
- Access to events like the annual convention, Professional Truck Driving Championship
- Advertising opportunities

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Event Registration KMCA Pro Truck Golf Classic

Golf Registration

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Sand Creek Station, 920 Meadowbrook Drive, Newton, KS 67114

Registration Deadline: Thursday, May 31, 2018

Entry Fee: \$99 per person or \$356 per foursome - A \$40 discount

Registration: 11:30 a.m. Lunch: 12:00 p.m. Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.

NAME AND COMPANY: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

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PAYMENT INFORMATION *****Payment must accompany registration*****

Enclosed is a check payable to KMCA Pro Truck PAC.

I authorize the charge to the credit card I have specified.

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Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Name on Card: _____ 3-Digit Code: _____



Sponsorship Opportunity

KMCA Pro Truck Golf Classic

A Tournament to benefit KMCA's Pro Truck PAC

Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Registration: 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: Noon

Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m.

Sand Creek Station, 920 Meadowbrook Drive, Newton, KS 67114

Title Sponsor - \$3,000 (One available)

Lunch, beverage cart, hole-in-one, Dispatch, KMCA website and social media

Platinum Sponsor - \$1,000

Goodie bags, hole sponsor, Dispatch, KMCA website and social media

Hole Sponsor - \$200

Hole sponsor, Dispatch, KMCA website and social media

If you have any items that you would like to donate for the tournament, please contact Tom Whitaker, tomw@kmca.org or (785)267-1641. All sponsors will be recognized in the Dispatch, the KMCA website and social media.

COMPANY NAME, CITY AND STATE AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT DISPLAYED:

TOTAL ENCLOSED FOR SPONSORSHIPS: _____

NAME: _____ COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE & ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: _____ CHECK _____ CREDIT CARD

CARD NUMBER: _____

EXPIRATION: _____ 3 DIGIT CODE: _____

NAME ON CARD: _____

Human trafficking training for all CDL renewals – effective July 1, 2018

All CDL holders are required to have the human trafficking training provided by Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT) effective July 1, 2018. This training is a one-time training. Each driver must provide the TAT certified certificate at the time of application or renewal for their CDL. The proof of training will be maintained on each drivers CDL account.

TRAINING OPTIONS

Self-Certify

CDL holders can go online and self-certify through the TAT website. The training includes a 30-minute video along with a 15-question quiz. At the end of the quiz the system will generate a certificate that the driver can print out. The certificate is the document that will need to be presented at the DMV.

Companywide training

Companies may opt to train their drivers all at once. The training includes a 30-minute video but does not require the 15-question quiz. Companies must track the drivers who have taken the training to get certificates for those drivers. Once the video and list of trainees is complete each company should register online to report the number of driver trained and then work with TAT to receive a co-branded certificate. After you've watched the video and registered send Holly Hudelson with TAT the following items:

- Names for those trained
- Company Logo
- Electronic Signature or Title

Holly can be reached at hhudelson@truckersagainsttrafficking.org. Don't have access to stream the TAT video? You can request a DVD be sent to you by TAT please send an email with your name, request, and shipping information to: tat.truckers@gmail.com. For links to the videos and online training visit: www.kmca.org/CDL-Human-Trafficking-Training

2018 Advertising Opportunities

The 2018 individual advertising rates are out. If you wish to advertise either in the monthly Dispatch, the annual Buyers Guide or on the KMCA website, please review the rates below and contact Shelby Stacy at (785)267-1641 or [sstacy@kmca.org](mailto:ssstacy@kmca.org).

The Dispatch – KMCA's monthly printed newsletter – billed monthly

Full Page Ad - \$405 ½ Page Ad - \$285 ¼ Page Ad - \$220

Member Directory and Buyers Guide – Printed yearly – billed annually

Full Page - \$1,150 ½ Page Ad - \$745 ¼ Page Ad - \$445

Additional Options:

Full Color - \$265

Spot Color - \$160

Inside Cover - \$420

Outside Back Cover - \$630

Rotating Website Ads – Located on www.kmca.org – billed annually

468 pixels by 60 pixels – rotating - \$245

200 pixels by 300 pixels – rotating - \$485

The Kansas Motor Carriers Association also has Industry Partner Program packages that include event sponsorship and advertising. These packages go above and beyond the individual options and include opportunities to engage with KMCA donors on multiple platforms. To learn more contact Shelby Stacy at (785)267-1641 or [sstacy@kmca.org](mailto:ssstacy@kmca.org). You can also find the information on the KMCA website at www.kmca.org.

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The Kansas Motor Carriers Association offers commercial vehicle tag services.

We can help you with the following anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. (closed between noon and 1:00 p.m. for lunch) Monday through Friday.

- Opening new IRP accounts
- Collecting and approving title transfer documents
- Issuing IRP temporary registrations
- IFTA mileage and fuel reporting
- UCR and DOT # applications
- State/Federal Authority applications
- IFTA/IRP applications
- IFTA fuel tax reporting service
- IRP/IFTA/UCR registration renewals
- IRP Temporary Registrations

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