

Today at Mid-Winter Meeting we had Shawn Burtenshaw from Protect the Harvest speak to us about the CLD/ ELD Mandate. Please share the below information with everyone regarding this detrimental issue to our way of life.

Is your truck/ trailer rated for over 26,000 pounds? Then, under law you are currently required to obtain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).

The ELD mandate will require Commercial Motor Vehicles (CMVs) to have an Electronic Logging Device (ELD), if:

- Vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of more than 10,000 lbs. and if you use your truck/ trailer for business purposes.
- If truck / trailer is written off as a business expense
- If you haul someone else's horse in your trailer and accept money
- If you haul a horse to a competition show with intent to win prize money, scholarship or awards

Fact/Myth: "If my trailer has a Recreational Vehicle sticker on it, it doesn't apply to me." **MYTH:** When there is any compartment for livestock, it is no longer considered a recreational vehicle.

"I'm just using it to go trail riding, so it does not apply to me." If you use that excuse it was recommended that you stay off social media. They have been known to look up individuals to make sure it was legit.

This issue is extremely URGENT as the comment period ends Feb 1st, 2018 ☐ PLEASE get in contact with your state representative NOW!

There is an extension that is in place until March 18th. There will lobbying done on Feb 1st to exempt agriculture related activities, or get it extended.

What are we asking for: COMPLETE REVERSAL OF THE ENTIRE MANDATE

Take action NOW:

- Find your state representative at: <https://www.house.gov/>

Enter your zip code at the top of the page:

- Call, e-mail, AND write your representative DAILY!

We as people from the Commonwealth need to voice our concerns. Below is a list of Representatives from the state of Kentucky and their contact information. Remember they are our elected officials and they work for the voters in their districts.

1st District- James Comer (202) 225-3115 Mr. Comer sits on the Agriculture committee

2nd District- Brett S Guthrie (202) 225-3501

3rd District- John A Yarmuth (202) 225-5401

4th District- Thomas Massie (202) 225-3465 Mr. Thomas sits on the Transportation committee

5th District-Harold Rogers (202) 225-4601

6th District- Andy Barr (202) 225-4706

Here is a video link from Protect the Harvest regarding the CLD/ELD mandate: <https://www.facebook.com/108486531190/videos/10154781563181191/>

Talking Points to consider when you call your State Representative:

- Share your **personal story** -- how this mandate is detrimental to you, your family and the organization
 - Shawn gave the example: having to say “sorry to your kids you can’t rodeo because of the ELD mandate/ HOS regulations”
- Make it known that competing in rodeos/ NHSRA is THE vehicle to further our member’s education through college scholarships. Rodeoing is how majority of our members put themselves through college with rodeo scholarships-- without rodeo, a financial burden is now on our kids to further their education.
- Bio security issues:
 - Concern for animal’s health/ spread of diseases at horse motels, parks because we have to stay somewhere overnight now
 - Our horses are our private property, with the HOS regulations we are now told how we can use our property
- Economic Impact:
 - Cost of transportation will go up (forced hotel stays, horse motel boarding, etc.)
 - \$ in horse industry circulates 6X as much as any other industry (from trailer sales to tradeshow vendors selling tack, everyone in between) w/o rodeos this will go down à decreased \$ circulation w/o rodeo
- Time/Safety Issues:
 - Now forcing us to be on the road when hadn’t plan to in order to fit into the logged 14 hrs à ex: can’t take a 5-hour break if needed to because beating the continuous log clock
 - Drawn out trips à Usual 2-day weekend rodeo trips now turn into 3-4 days because of the HOS regulations
- Age restrictions for CLDs: limits our members from getting to rodeos

Attached is a letter to Donald Trump addressing the issue from the NHSRA that exemplifies the detrimental effects of the ELD mandate.

For further details, please read the below articles by Protect the Harvest:

- **Compliance Regulations for the ELD Mandate:** <http://protecttheharvest.com/eld-mandate-introduction/compliance-regulations-eld-mandate/>
- **How the ELD Mandate will effect Animal Welfare:** <http://protecttheharvest.com/eld-mandate-introduction/eld-mandate-will-effect-animal-welfare/>