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SENATOR BEUTLER: ...with respect to commercial carriers?

SENATOR BAKER: No, it does not.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. So why do we have to say that this federal law shall not apply?

SENATOR BAKER: Clarification, I guess, to make sure that people understand that. And I...our office has had numerous calls from intrastate carriers, meaning...I think the last one I got was a landscape company, wanting to make sure that we're not changing intrastate regulations.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Intrastate, within the state?

SENATOR BAKER: Right. This is strictly addressing commercial driver's license issues dealing with the federal CFR 49, as you've noted.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, are we changing the law with regard to interstate commerce, between states, as opposed to within states?

SENATOR BAKER: Well, yes. We're changing the hours of service, is mostly what this bill deals with, of commercial driver's licenses traveling interstate.

SENATOR BEUTLER: We're changing the commercial hours for vehicles driving between states?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes. Actually, we're not changing the hours, but we're changing how those hours of service are to be distributed between sleeper time and off duty and so on. That's what the court struck down in 2004, I believe. And we...then the Congress went ahead and passed a new bill, and the regulations were developed over a series of months between the passage of the bill and now.

SENATOR BEUTLER: So we're...let me go back again. For interstate commerce, between the states, we are...