



# Maryland Motor Truck Association

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**BILL NO/TITLE:** **SB140 - Vehicle Laws - Commercial Motor Carriers - Safety, Inspection, Performance, and Insurance Information (James Cohran's Law)**

**COMMITTEE:** Judicial Proceedings

**POSITION:** Support

In the trucking industry it is commonly recognized that truck drivers are our most valuable asset. For that reason, Maryland Motor Truck Association (MMTA) offers its support of SB140, believing it will provide drivers with the tools necessary to make an educated decision about the quality of the trucking companies where they are seeking employment.

The passage of SB140 will require a motor carrier, upon making a bona fide offer of employment, to provide a driver with its U.S. DOT number and the web address for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's Safety and Fitness Electronic Records System. By providing this information, a driver can access the following information about the company:

- Inspection history
- Crash history
- Safety rating
- Number and type of vehicles
- Operating authority
- Insurance information
- Types of cargo, and more.

MMTA ultimately believes access to this information will help drivers identify and avoid working for those companies that have subpar safety records, thereby benefitting the many legitimate and safe trucking companies on the roadways. For those reasons we ask the Committee to support SB140.

**About Maryland Motor Truck Association:** Maryland Motor Truck Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000 members, MMTA is committed to supporting and advocating for a safe, efficient and profitable trucking industry across all sectors and industry types, regardless of size, domicile or type of operation.

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