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BILL NO/TITLE: SB187: Drunk Driving - Commercial Driver's Licenses - Disqualification From Driving

COMMITTEE: Senate Judicial Proceedings

LETTER OF INFORMATION

The trucking industry fully appreciates the dangers of drunk driving. Federal regulations require motor carriers to test all commercial driver license holders for alcohol and drug use after crashes, on a random basis, and whenever a supervisor has reasonable suspicion that a driver may be impaired. Alcohol test rules place drivers out of service if they are found with any alcohol in their systems, and those who are found with blood alcohol concentrations at or above 0.04 percent are disqualified from driving with a commercial driver's license.

For many years the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration has identified major driving offenses that disqualify commercial drivers even if the driver commits the offense in a passenger (non-commercial) vehicle. Major offenses require a minimum disqualification of one year and include the following:

- Driving under the influence of alcohol as prescribed by State law.

MMTA believes SB187 would simply bring Maryland into conformance with a Federal law that has been in place for a number of years. Therefore we have no concerns about its passage.

About Maryland Motor Truck Association: Maryland Motor Truck Association is a non-profit trade association that has represented the trucking industry since 1935. In service to its 1,000 members, MMTA is committed to support, advocate and educate for a safe, efficient and profitable trucking industry in Maryland.

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