



Missouri LICA

NEWS

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CDL Rules Tighten

Rules published in the July Federal Register include a long list of commercial drivers license (CDL) changes. The new CDL provisions, which went into effect September 30, 2002, included stiffer penalties for violations. They are designed to enhance the safety of commercial motor vehicle operations on our nation's highways by ensuring that only safe drivers operate commercial motor vehicles (CMV).

For example, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs will get you a one-year disqualification - no matter what kind of vehicle you're driving. The same penalty applies for refusing to be tested. A second conviction leads to permanent disqualification.

CDL drivers will now face a one-year disqualification for leaving the scene of an accident, for driving with a revoked license, or for causing a death through negligent operation. The disqualification bumps up to three years if the cargo is placarded as hazmat, and to life for a second conviction. Again, these penalties apply even when the vehicle is not a commercial truck.

The rules also prescribe tougher penalties for second convictions on speeding, reckless driving, improper lane changes, even in a driver's personal vehicle. There are also harsher penalties for violating railroad crossing laws and out of service order. And the new rules allow up to 30 days disqualification if they find that a driver is an "imminent hazard" - that he is likely to be a threat to life or property before a formal proceeding against him can be completed.

Other parts of the new rules target state procedures that have allowed scofflaw (one who habitually violates the law) drivers to escape notice. For example, some states issue "hardship" licenses to drivers who may lose their livelihoods if their license is suspended. States will no longer be allowed to issue such licenses for drivers whose CDL's have been suspended.

To view the entire Federal Register for July 31, 2002, go to www.access.gpo.gov (Source: Truckinginfo.com)

[Courtesy of New Jersey LICA]

New Kids In Town

As a result of the November 5th election, Missouri has the largest class of freshmen Representatives and Senators in its history.

Here's how it breaks down:

Ninety-one new Representatives were elected out of 163 seats that were open. Fifty-six percent (56%) of the House of Representatives are freshmen. Twelve new Senators were elected out of 17 seats that were open. Seventy-one percent (71%) of the elected Senators are freshmen.

What does this mean to you?

It means that this is the best opportunity MLICA has probably ever had to have our concerns heard by the General Assembly.

Why?

Most likely, each of these freshmen decided to run for office in order to impact a concern or concerns of importance to them. Considering that during a typical legislative session, 2,000 - 2,500 bills are introduced concerning almost any topic imaginable, how will these freshmen learn about issues not on their "personal" list of concerns? That's where you come in.

To start our Winter Convention, we will be meeting in Jefferson City to discuss issues of concern to our members. And then, we will go to the Capitol and introduce ourselves to our new Reps and Senators. It is vital that the new members of the General Assembly look to MLICA members as a source of information about construction concerns. Each member should have received information about our Legislative Day in January. Please make plans to attend - it's your future!

Member News

Welcome Aboard!

We'd like to welcome the following new contractor member to our LICA family:

Brian Kleinsorge
Kleinsorge Excavating
Box 83
Martinsburg, MO 65264
Phone: 573-492-6422
District: 2 County: Audrain

And, a big THANK YOU to Mel Kleinsorge, District #2, for introducing LICA to Brian! Only two (2) more contractors, Mel, and you'll win cash and prizes from National LICA!!



December

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| 01 Bob Cretzmeyer | 20 Terry Guinn |
| 05 Clarence Duce | 21 Eric Levings |
| 12 Caryl Lance | 23 Rod Schottel |
| Gary Eckhoff | 25 Jerry McMullen |
| 16 Arvel H. Schneider | 27 Roger Limback |
| 18 Steve Milne | 30 Phillip Mather |

January

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| 02 Jeff Alden | 25 Grant Matthews |
| 15 Philip Kirkpatrick | 29 Jeff Schnieders |
| 19 Phil Wilson | |

Attention Associates!

The next issue of the *Missouri LICA News* will contain our Associate's ads, so don't miss this chance to get your name out in front of our members! Contact Debbie at MLICA if you have questions. (573-634-3001)

With Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers are with these families during their time of sorrow.

John O'Reilly passed away at his home on October 16th. He was an avid supporter of LICA at both the state and national level. We will truly miss his guidance, laughter and Irish charm.

Nelson Wilson's brother, L. Nolan Wilson, Sr.; passed away November 18th.

Melvin Koechner passed away December 4th. Melvin was a strong supporter and member of Missouri LICA for over 50 years. His wit and humor will be greatly missed.

On December 10th, Norbert Jokerst was killed in a car accident. Norbert had been a member of Missouri LICA for a few years in the mid-1990's. He often attended the Winter Conventions with his brother, Lokey, who preceded him in death just 11 weeks earlier.

On December 11th, Steve Milne's mother passed away.

On December 19, Ernie Teel, one of our Honorary Members and a founding father of Missouri LICA, passed away. Ernie had a vision for Missouri LICA and contributed much of his time and talent to make it happen.

If you would like to honor these members and their families, please consider making a donation to the MLICA Auxiliary Scholarship fund in their name. If you would like to do so, please send your check (made payable to Missouri LICA Auxiliary) to the Missouri LICA office. Please be sure to tell us in whose name you are making the donation.

Looking For A Good Home

Don Pfof has a WWII vintage Whirlwind Terracer for which he would like to find a good home. The terracer used to belong to a farmer near Martinsburg and needs a new place to rest.

If you are interested in this machine, please contact Don at 573-882-2731. Please hurry because Don has the equipment sitting on a lot and he has been asked to move it!

Federal Legislative Updates

Appropriations Update; Decisions to be Made Soon

House and Senate appropriators will be busy as soon as the 108th Congress convenes on January 7, 2003 finishing up the 11 appropriations bills left unfinished by the 107th Congress. Appropriations staff in both chambers are currently working on matching the fiscal year 2003 bills on discretionary spending.

The current Senate spending bills are higher by approximately \$9 billion and will need to be trimmed to meet the tentative agreement between House and Senate appropriations leaders. President Bush has made it clear he would like all FY'03 appropriations bills to be completed by the end of January before the FY'04 appropriations process begins.

This is an important time to contact your Senator and Representative and let them know that you want them to:

1. Fully fund the Farm Bill Conservation Programs.
2. Allow the Conservation Security Program to operate as a nationwide program.
3. Prohibit the use of Conservation Technical Assistance Program funds to provide assistance for Farm Bill conservation programs.

It is crucial that lawmakers hear those messages loud and clear before funding decisions are made in January.

More detailed information can be found at: <http://www.nacdnet.org/govtaff/issuepapers/TA03funding.htm>.

Farm Bill Update

The intended release of the supplemental document to the Technical Service Providers (TSP) rule is in final stages of approval within the USDA and Office of Management and Budget. The document is expected by the end of the year and will include one or more proposals on a fee schedule and payment options for potential TSPs.

As for the highly anticipated Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) rule, it is also in the final stages of approval and is expected to be released soon; perhaps before year end.

Office Closings Ahead?

As a reminder, President Bush's FY'03 budget submitted to Congress last February carried a Presidential Management Initiative to continue to advance the decade old USDA office closing initiative. Bush's initiative calls for 200 additional office closings. Towards this end, USDA is scheduled to file a report with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in March 2003 outlining plans for advancing this initiative. LICA expects to hear more on this subject as the report deadline nears and will forward information to our members as it becomes available.

New CAFO Rules Released

The Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Agriculture officials have announced the release of the final rule that will govern permitting of concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO). The new rule will apply to approximately 11, 000 additional CAFOs by 2006. Under old rules, 4,500 operations were affected. The new rule includes specific guidelines for size of various animal operations: those with more than 1,000 cattle, 700 dairy cows, 2,500 swine, or 10,000 sheep or 125,000 chickens, 82,000 laying hens and 55,000 turkeys.

The administration put a strong emphasis on Farm Bill conservation programs as a means to help CAFO owners in their nutrient management planning and implementation requirements. The new rule will require large CAFOs to apply for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit and develop nutrient management plans that will lead to the reduction of nutrients (such as nitrogen and phosphorus) getting into surface waters. Complete information on the new CAFO rule can be found at <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/cafofinalrule.cfm>.

This major policy decision will create further demands on field offices, furthering the need to protect the base conservation technical assistance funding.

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Grow Native!

Training Prepares Contractors to Bid on Native Plant Roadside Conversion Projects

Butterfly milkweed, Indian grass and Big Bluestem. These and other native plants are a key part of our region's natural heritage. Recently, the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) and Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) renewed their commitment to restoring natives to our roadsides.

The new MDC/MoDOT Cooperative Agreement provides \$1.2 million for native plant roadside conversion projects over the next several years. To prepare Missouri's roadside contractors to successfully bid on and complete these projects, MDC's Grow Native! team is offering a **two-day training and endorsement program on February 27th and 28th at Runge Nature Center; Jefferson City, MO.**

- ♦ The Roadside Contractor Training will cover several topics including:
- ♦ Understanding the Challenges of Establishing Natives on Various Sites,
- ♦ Controlling Erosion,
- ♦ Site Prep,
- ♦ Cover Crops,
- ♦ Seeding and Planting Techniques,
- ♦ Equipment, Materials,
- ♦ Ensuring Establishment, and
- ♦ Inspection.

In addition to the nuts and bolts of native plant establishment, the training will feature business and professional development topics:

- ♦ Native Plant Contracting Opportunities Created by the New Farm Bill,
- ♦ How to Market Your Contracting Service Via the Grow Native! Web Site,
- ♦ How to Develop and Promote a Native Plant Contracting Business, and
- ♦ Mentoring.

A trade show, dinner, music and a keynote address by Prairie Nursery president Neil Diboll round out the program.

"This training is a win-win-win opportunity for MDC, MoDOT and our region's contractors," said Judy Allmon, Grow Native!'s Coordinator. "Native plants help MDC achieve its goal of increasing biological diversity. MoDOT wins because natives require less maintenance, and contractors can win by specializing in native plant installation, which is a rapidly growing market."

Cost for the two-day training is \$150 per individual and \$350 per company (up to three attendees). Tuition pays for the costs of producing the training, including catering and materials.

To register, call Bonnie Chasteen at 573.256.4916 or email bchasteen@socket.net. Grow Native!'s Roadside Contractor Training is a joint project of MDC and the Missouri Conservation Heritage Foundation.

A Win-Win Situation!

You could be a winner, Missouri LICA could be a winner, and a fellow contractor could be a winner. Here's how ...

When you sign up a new contractor member, Missouri LICA's voice becomes stronger as we protect our industry.

In addition to the contractor benefit package, the new contractor member will receive a FREE registration to the MLICA Winter Convention.

And you could qualify for one of the prizes being offered during the National LICA Membership Drive. The Membership Drive contest ends Feb. 1, 2003.

Here are the prizes:

- ▶ \$ 500 cash, ½ off the Oklahoma City Winter Convention registration and one free raffle ticket when you sign up 10 new contractor members.
- ▶ \$ 250 cash; ½ off the Oklahoma City Winter Convention registration, and one free raffle ticket when you sign up 5-9 new contractor members.
- ▶ \$ 100 cash; ½ off the Oklahoma City Winter Convention registration, and one free raffle ticket when you sign up 3-4 new contractor members.



Missouri LICA's Legislative Day

January 23, 2003

As Easy As 1-2-3!

Missouri LICA will be hosting its first Legislative Day on Thursday, January 23, 2003. Maps and instructions have been mailed to our contractor members. If you have not received your information, please call the Missouri LICA office (573-634-3001).

If you have never talked to your Representative or Senator, this is a great time and way to get started! You'd be amazed how few voters actually speak to their elected officials. If we don't tell them what we want, who is telling them for us? And ... what are they saying?

Step 1

Find a contractor to go with you to visit your Representative and Senator. We believe you will be more likely to make the visit and the Rep and/or Senator will be more likely to remember you, if you go in pairs.

Look on the new re-districting map (page 6 & 7 of this newsletter) to find your new Senatorial and/or Representative District. Then, get the name of your Senator and Representative (page 8 of this newsletter).

Call your State Representative's office and State Senator's office and set up an appointment to visit on Thursday, January 23 between 1:00pm and 3:30pm. [Missouri House of Representatives' Phone: 573-751-4043; Missouri Senate Phone: 573-751-4806]

Step 2

Meet at the Missouri Association of Nursing Home Administrators (4100 Country Club Drive; Jefferson City, MO) at 10:30am.

We will discuss the issues facing our industry and how to approach your Representative and Senator.

Lunch - we will provide lunch for you - if you tell us you're coming!

Step 3

We will carpool over to the Capitol. If your spouse doesn't want to join you in making the visits, we will set up a tour of the Capitol Building for them.

Due to the large percentage (almost 60%) of freshmen legislators, the staff at the Capitol is still assigning offices and moving furniture. We won't know the exact room number for your Representative and/or Senator until we arrive. (Unless your Rep. and/or Senator knows his/her office number when you make your appointment).

Capitol Building Security Requirements

Before entering the Missouri State Capitol, we will have to pass through a metal detector. Any purses, bags, etc. will be manually checked. Although the guards don't regularly check identification, you will want to make sure you have your Driver's License on hand, just in case there's a problem.

Finally ...

After your visits, head down to the Country Club Hotel at the Lake of the Ozarks for a well deserved reception in the Exhibit Hall!

STATE SENATORS

For Senate Information: 573-751-4806

1 - Yeckel, Anita (R)	13 - Goode, Wayne (D)	25 - Foster, Bill (R)
2 - Dolan, Jon (R)	14 - Days, Rita (D)	26 - Griesheimer, John (R)
3 - Kennedy, Harry (D)	15 - Gibbons, Michael (R)	27 - Kinder, Peter (R)
4 - Dougherty, Pat (D)	16 - Steelman, Sarah (R)	28 - Scott, Delbert (R)
5 - Coleman, Maida (D)	17 - Quick, Ed (D)	29 - Childers, Doyle (R)
6 - Vogel, Carl (R)	18 - Cauthorn, John (R)	30 - Champion, Norma (R)
7 - Loudon, John (R)	19 - Jacob, Ken (D)	31 - Caskey, Harold (D)
8 - Bartle, Matt (R)	20 - Clemens, Dan (R)	32 - Nodler, Gary (R)
9 - Bland, Mary (D)	21 - Mathewson, Jim (D)	33 - Russell, John (R)
10 - Wheeler, Charles (D)	22 - Stoll, Steve (D)	34 - Sheilds, Charlie (R)
11 - DePasco, Ronnie (D)	23 - Gross, Chuck (R)	
12 - Klindt, David (R)	24 - Bray, Joan (D)	

STATE REPRESENTATIVES

For House Information: 573-751-4043

1 - Munzlinger, Brian (R)	44 - Lowe, Jenee' N. (D)	87 - Hanaway, C. (R)	130 - Wilson, Kevin (R)
2 - Behnen, Robert (R)	45 - Jolly, Cathy (D)	88 - St. Onge, Neal C. (R)	131 - Ruestman, M. (R)
3 - Whorton, James (D)	46 - Meiners, Kate (D)	89 - Jackson, Jack (R)	132 - Goodman, Jack (R)
4 - Lager, Brad (R)	47 - Johnson, Bob (R)	90 - Johnson, Rick (D)	133 - Miller, Ronnie (R)
5 - Guest, Jim (R)	48 - Sager, Mike (D)	91 - Fares, Kathlyn (R)	134 - Viebrock, James (R)
6 - Bringer, Rachel (D)	49 - Young, Terry (D)	92 - Portwood, Charles (R)	135 - Holland, Roy (R)
7 - Quinn, John (R)	50 - Walker, Vicki (D)	93 - Stefanick, Jodi (R)	136 - Marsh, B.J. (R)
8 - Shoemaker, Chris (R)	51 - Salva, Ray (D)	94 - Byrd, Richard G. (R)	137 - Wright, Mark (R)
9 - Shoemyer, Wes (D)	52 - LeVota, Paul (D)	95 - Avery, Jim (R)	138 - Morris, Larry (R)
10 - Witte, Terry (D)	53 - Dougherty, Curt (D)	96 - Yaeger, Pat (D)	139 - Roark, Brad (R)
11 - Henke, Wayne (D)	54 - Dusenberg, Gary (R)	97 - Bivins, Walt (R)	140 - Dixon, Bob (R)
12 - Parker, Sherman (R)	55 - Pratt, Bryan (R)	98 - Nieves, Brian (R)	141 - Wasson, Jay (R)
13 - Rupp, Scott (R)	56 - Yates, Brian (R)	99 - Sutherland, Mike (R)	142 - Bough, Jerry (R)
14 - Smith, Joe (R)	57 - El-Amin, Yaphett (D)	100 - Schoemehl, Sue (D)	143 - Wallace, M. (R)
15 - Green, Tom (D)	58 - Hubbard, Rodney (D)	101 - Adams, Ray (D)	144 - Kelly, Van (R)
16 - Bearden, Carl (R)	59 - Carnahan, Russ (D)	102 - McKenna, Ryan (D)	145 - Cunningham, M. (R)
17 - Schneider, Vicki (R)	60 - Boykins, Holly (D)	103 - Able, Mark (D)	146 - Angst, Randy (R)
18 - Dempsey, Tom (R)	61 - Johnson, LaJoyce (D)	104 - Wagner, Wes (D)	147 - Hampton, Mark (D)
19 - Davis, Cynthia (R)	62 - Wood, Dennis (R)	105 - Selby, Harold (D)	148 - Ransdall, Bill (D)
20 - Moore, Danielle (R)	63 - Jones, Robin (D)	106 - Engler, Kevin (R)	149 - May, Bob (R)
21 - Hobbs, Steve (R)	64 - Hilgemann, Bob (D)	107 - Ward, Dan (D)	150 - Barnitz, Frank (D)
22 - Sander, Therese (R)	65 - Kratky, Fred (D)	108 - Villa, Thomas A. (D)	151 - Purgason, Chuck (R)
23 - Harris, Jeff (D)	66 - Vogt, Michael (D)	109 - Threlkeld, Kevin (R)	152 - Kuessner, J.C. (D)
24 - Graham, Chuck (D)	67 - Daus, Michael (D)	110 - Harris, Belinda (D)	153 - Dethrow, Mike (R)
25 - Wilson, Vicky (D)	68 - Taylor, Larry (R)	111 - Schlottach, C. (R)	154 - Kingery, Gayle (R)
26 - Seigfreid, Jim (D)	69 - Walsh, Gina (D)	112 - Townley, Merrill (R)	155 - Cooper, Wayne (R)
27 - Wildberger, Ed (D)	70 - Muckler, Matt (D)	113 - Bruns, Mark (R)	156 - Jetton, Rod (R)
28 - Schaaf, Rob (R)	71 - Haywood, Esther (D)	114 - Deeken, Bill (R)	157 - Lipke, Scott (R)
29 - Lawson, Maurice (D)	72 - Thompson, Betty (D)	115 - Luetkemeyer, B. (R)	158 - Crowell, Jason (R)
30 - Brown, Jason (R)	73 - Donnelly, Margaret (D)	116 - Self, Tom (R)	159 - Mayer, Robert N. (R)
31 - Skaggs, Trent (D)	74 - George, Tom (D)	117 - Crawford, Larry (R)	160 - Myers, Peter (R)
32 - Phillips, Susan (R)	75 - Darrough, Bruce (D)	118 - Smith, Todd (R)	161 - Black, Lanie (R)
33 - Willoughby, Phil (D)	76 - Spreng, Michael (D)	119 - Wilson, Larry (R)	162 - Merideth, Denny (D)
34 - Reinhart, Annie (R)	77 - Corcoran, Michael (D)	120 - Cooper, Shannon (R)	163 - Bean, Otto (R)
35 - Ervin, Doug (R)	78 - Zweifel, Clint (D)	121 - Pearce, David (R)	
36 - Kelly, Gary (D)	79 - Liese, Al (D)	122 - Davis, D.J. (D)	
37 - Brooks, Sharon (D)	80 - Hoskins, Ted (D)	123 - Baker, Brian (R)	
38 - Bishop, Dan (D)	81 - Walton, Juanita (D)	124 - Rector, Rex (R)	
39 - Campbell, Marsha (D)	82 - Page, Sam (D)	125 - King, Jerry (R)	
40 - Burnett, John (D)	83 - Fraser, Barbara (D)	126 - Emery, Ed (R)	
41 - Curls, Melba (D)	84 - Icet, Allen (R)	127 - Hunter, Steve (R)	
42 - Wilson, Yvonne (D)	85 - Lembke, Jim (R)	128 - Stevenson, Bryan (R)	
43 - Bland, Craig C. (D)	86 - Cunningham, Jane (R)	129 - Richard, Ron (R)	