

Senate Bill 212

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Jackson of the 2nd, Seay of the 34th, Thompson of the 33rd and Mullis of the 53rd

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the employer's liability for injuries to railroad employees, so as to provide  
3 standards for motor common or contract carriers transporting railroad employees; to provide  
4 for related matters; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other  
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Article 3 of Chapter 7 of Title 34 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
9 employer's liability for injuries to railroad employees, is amended by adding a new Code  
10 section as follows:

11 "34-7-49.

12 (a) This Code section applies only to motor common or contract carriers transporting  
13 railroad employees within this state.

14 (b) Each driver for such carriers must hold a commercial driver's license.

15 (c) Such carriers shall perform alcohol and drug testing on drivers before employment, on  
16 suspicion of drug or alcohol use, and randomly at least once every 365 days.

17 (d) Drivers employed by such carriers may not perform duties in excess of 14 hours per  
18 shift, with a total driving time of 12 hours, and shall have a minimum of ten hours of rest  
19 between shifts.

20 (e) Such carriers shall keep logs, signed by the drivers and the employer on a weekly basis,  
21 showing hours of service and recording time on duty, driving time, and total time worked  
22 per shift. The logs shall be kept by the carriers for a minimum of three years.

23 (f) Such contract carriers shall maintain a minimum liability insurance coverage of \$1.5  
24 million per vehicle and equivalent uninsured and underinsured motorist coverage.

25 (g) The Department of Transportation may adopt rules and regulations, as necessary, to  
26 implement the provisions of this Code section.

27 (h) The Department of Transportation shall inform carriers transporting railroad employees  
28 in this state of the requirements of this Code section."

29 **SECTION 2.**

30 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2009.

31 **SECTION 3.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.