

1 (c) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

2 (1) PROPERTY-CARRYING UNIT LIMITATION.—

3 Section 31112(a)(1) of such title is amended by in-
4 serting before the period at the end the following: “,
5 but not including a trailer or a semitrailer trans-
6 ported as part of a towaway trailer transporter com-
7 bination (as defined in section 31111(a))”.

8 (2) ACCESS TO INTERSTATE SYSTEM.—Section
9 31114(a)(2) of such title is amended by inserting
10 “any towaway trailer transporter combination (as
11 defined in section 31111(a)),” after “passengers,”.

12 **SEC. 5524. EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS FOR CER-**
13 **TAIN WELDING TRUCKS USED IN PIPELINE**
14 **INDUSTRY.**

15 (a) COVERED MOTOR VEHICLE DEFINED.—In this
16 section, the term “covered motor vehicle” means a motor
17 vehicle that—

18 (1) is traveling in the State in which the vehicle
19 is registered or another State;

20 (2) is owned by a welder;

21 (3) is a pick-up style truck;

22 (4) is equipped with a welding rig that is used
23 in the construction or maintenance of pipelines; and

24 (5) has a gross vehicle weight and combination
25 weight rating and weight of 15,000 pounds or less.

1 (b) FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS.—A covered motor ve-
2 hicle, including the individual operating such vehicle and
3 the employer of such individual, shall be exempt from the
4 following:

5 (1) Any requirement relating to registration as
6 a motor carrier, including the requirement to obtain
7 and display a Department of Transportation num-
8 ber, established under chapters 139 and 311 of title
9 49, United States Code.

10 (2) Any requirement relating to driver qualifica-
11 tions established under chapter 311 of title 49,
12 United States Code.

13 (3) Any requirement relating to driving of com-
14 mercial motor vehicles established under chapter 311
15 of title 49, United States Code.

16 (4) Any requirement relating to parts and ac-
17 cessories and inspection, repair, and maintenance of
18 commercial motor vehicles established under chapter
19 311 of title 49, United States Code.

20 (5) Any requirement relating to hours of service
21 of drivers, including maximum driving and on duty
22 time, established under chapter 315 of title 49,
23 United States Code.