

Commercial Vehicle Markings; HB 2127

HB 2127 removes statutory requirements for lettering to be painted or otherwise durably marked on the sides of a truck or truck tractor with a registered weight of more than 12,000 pounds to identify the owner or lessee. It also removes requirements for findings by the Division of Vehicles, Department of Revenue, regarding insignia or trademarks on such a vehicle and associated permits.

Federal regulations require any commercial motor vehicle used in interstate commerce to be marked with identification including the legal name or single trade name of the motor carrier and the identification number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration; a state rule and regulation includes nearly identical requirements for intrastate motor carrier vehicles weighing at least 26,000 pounds. Lettering required by state and federal regulations must be readily legible, during daylight hours, from a distance of 50 feet while the vehicle is stationary; the marking may be painted on the vehicle or be on a removable device.