

## **Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) and Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Regulations**

### **Background:**

In 2017, the American Horse Council (AHC) met with Department of Transportation (DOT) officials and allied industry and livestock groups to share compliance information related to enforcement of DOT's ELD mandate. In late 2017, AHC shared specific issues with the DOT and the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and submitted requests for clarification of aspects of the rule. In early 2018, the agency responded to AHC's request, releasing equine-specific guidance highlighting the sector's compliance expectations.

### **Status:**

DOT and FMCSA's ELD guidance issued in early 2018 combined with the delay of ELD enforcement to September 30, granted in the FY 2018 Appropriations Omnibus, have accomplished a great deal to address common sense transport concerns shared by equine enthusiasts. In June, the House Appropriations Committee approved the FY 2019 DOT funding bill that delays enforcement of the ELD mandate until October 1, 2019. In August, the Senate adopted a "minibus" to fund multiple government operations during FY 2019 that includes two industry supported provisions championed by Sen. Fischer (R-NE): the first would delay ELD enforcement until October 1, 2019; and the other calls on DOT to complete a study on split sleeper berths in a timely manner.

Additional efforts to address the issues brought into the light include S.2938, the "Transporting Livestock Across America Safely (TLAAS) Act," which will allow livestock haulers to more appropriately note on duty, off road hours of service and increases the "air mile rule" to 300 miles. Also, H.R.5358, the Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy (DRIVE-Safe) Act, would allow 18 years olds to apply for a CDL. H.R.5948, the Small Carrier Electronic Logging Device Exemption Act of 2018, will exempt carriers with 10 or fewer trucks from the ELD mandate. And H.R.5949, the Agricultural Business Electronic Logging Device Exemption Act of 2018, would completely exempt agricultural businesses.

### **Take Action:**

AHC supports provisions in FY 2019 appropriations that delay ELD enforcement for livestock haulers until October 1, 2019. Congress must include the ELD delay in a final spending bill to allow policy makers the time to finalize a permanent and practical solution to the issue of the rule's applicability.