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# Get To Know The New Rule

## Hours of Service Final Rule

regulations to improve safety and increase vehicle drivers.

HOS Provision	Past HOS Rule	New HOS Rule	Impacts
CMV Short-Haul Exemption	Drivers using the short-haul exception may not be on-duty more than 12 hours and may not drive beyond a 100 air-mile radius.	Extends the maximum duty period allowed under the short-haul exception to 14 hours and to 150 air miles.	Improves safety and flexibility by increasing the number of drivers able to take advantage of the short-haul exception.
Adverse Driving Conditions	A driver may drive for not more than 2 additional hours beyond the maximum time allowed. However, this does not currently extend the maximum window	Allows a driver to extend during adverse driving conditions.	Improves safety and flexibility by allowing drivers time to park and wait out the adverse condition or to drive slowly through it <sup>2</sup> which has the potential to decrease crash risk.
30 Minute Break	If more than 8 consecutive hours have passed since the last off-duty (or sleeper berth) period of at least half an hour, a driver must take an off-duty break of at least 30 minutes before driving.	Requires a 30-minute break after 8 hours of driving time (instead of on-duty time) and allows on-duty/not driving periods to qualify as breaks.	Improves safety and flexibility for drivers by increasing on-duty/non-driving time by up to 30 minutes <sup>2</sup> allowing drivers to reach their destination easier.
Split-Sleeper Berth	A driver can use the sleeper berth for an 8/2 split 8 hours of rest that does not count against the 14-hour limit, and 2 hours of rest that does count against the 14-hour driving window.	Modifies the sleeper-berth exception to allow drivers to split their required 10 hours off duty into two periods: an 8/2 split, and a 7/3 split <sup>2</sup> with neither period counting 14-hour driving window.	Improves safety and flexibility for drivers by potentially increasing the use of sleeper berths because drivers using a berth have additional hours to complete 11 hours of driving.

The new rule would not increase driving time and would continue to prevent CMV operators from driving for more than 8 consecutive hours without at least a 30-minute change in duty status.

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