

§ 31131. Purposes and findings

How Current is This?

(a) Purposes.— The purposes of this subchapter are—

- (1)** to promote the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles;
- (2)** to minimize dangers to the health of operators of commercial motor vehicles and other employees whose employment directly affects motor carrier safety; and
- (3)** to ensure increased compliance with traffic laws and with the commercial motor vehicle safety and health regulations and standards prescribed and orders issued under this chapter.

(b) Findings.— Congress finds—

- (1)** it is in the public interest to enhance commercial motor vehicle safety and thereby reduce highway fatalities, injuries, and property damage;
- (2)** improved, more uniform commercial motor vehicle safety measures and strengthened enforcement would reduce the number of fatalities and injuries and the level of property damage related to commercial motor vehicle operations;
- (3)** enhanced protection of the health of commercial motor vehicle operators is in the public interest; and
- (4)** interested State governments can provide valuable assistance to the United States Government in ensuring that commercial motor vehicle operations are conducted safely and healthfully.