



## *FMCSA Publishes Proposal to Change HOS Rules*

### **New Rules Would Promote Safety While Reducing Burden on Drivers**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has proposed changes to the Hours of Service (HOS) regulations that currently govern the time that drivers are allowed behind the wheel. Below is a recap of the proposed changes:

1. Extending certain drivers' maximum on-duty period to 14 hours and the distance limit to 150 air miles.
2. Extending the adverse driving condition exception by 2 hours.
3. Tying the 30-minute break requirement to 8 hours of driving time without an interruption for at least 30 minutes, and allowing the break to be satisfied by a driver using duty rather than driving status.
4. Allowing drivers to split their required 10-hours off duty into two periods.
5. Allowing one off-duty break of 30 minutes to 3 hours that would pause a truck driver's 14-hour driving window if the driver takes 10 consecutive hours off-duty at the end of the work shift.

The public comment period closed on 10/07/19.

Reference:

<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=FMCSA-2018-0248-5454>

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