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U.S. Department of Transportation
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Current Leadership
- National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS)
- Modernize Safety Fitness
- Out-of-Service (OOS) Tips
 - DataQs
 - Motor Carrier Safety Planner
- APA's Seasonal Hours of Service and Electronic Logging Device Exemption
- FMCSA Rulemaking Agenda

FEDERAL MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY ADMINISTRATION



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NATIONAL ROADWAY SAFETY STRATEGY (NRSS)

The U.S. DOT National Roadway Safety Strategy (NRSS) outlines the Department's comprehensive approach to significantly reducing serious injuries and deaths on our Nation's highways, roads, and streets.



ACTIONS IN THE 2023 NRSS UPDATE

- Implement new Federal and State motor carrier safety processes and policies
- Enhance the effectiveness of CMV crash reduction strategies
- Identify commercial motor carrier safety risk
- Address factors that create barriers to recruitment and retention
 - Women of Trucking Advisory Board (WOTAB)
 - Truck Leasing Task Force (TLTF)



<https://www.transportation.gov/nrss/commit-to-action>

SAFETY FITNESS DETERMINATION (SFD) ADVANCE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING

Proposed rule would revise the safety rating methodology found in:

- Appendix A to Part 385 – Explanation of Safety Audit Evaluation Criteria;
- Appendix B to Part 385 – Explanation of Safety Rating Process includes a list of all Acute and Critical Violations that factor into a carrier's safety rating;

SFD Listening Session Discussion Topics

- **Current Three-Tiered Rating System:**
 - “Satisfactory,”
 - “Unsatisfactory,”
 - “Conditional”
- Should FMCSA retain? Why/why not?

- **Proposed Single Rating: “Unfit”**
- Should carriers with successful SFD review have the same SFD “rating” as carriers without a review?

- **Use of Inspection-Based Data**
- Should FMCSA incorporate SMSs results?
- If not, should FMCSA include more on-road safety data in other ways?

- **Incorporating Driver Behavior**
- What data should FMCSA use?
- How to distinguish between conviction vs. no conviction?
- Should FMCSA assign more weight (double points?) to unsafe driving violations in 49 CFR 392.2 (e.g., speeding, texting while driving)?

For all topics:

- What, if any, improvements or changes can be made?
- Which stakeholders would benefit most? Which stakeholders would not benefit?
- What is the benefit to safety?

MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY PLANNER

Weblink to “Motor Carrier Safety Planner” with Chapters on the numerous Federal regulatory topics and more:



<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety/carrier-safety/motor-carrier-safety-planner>

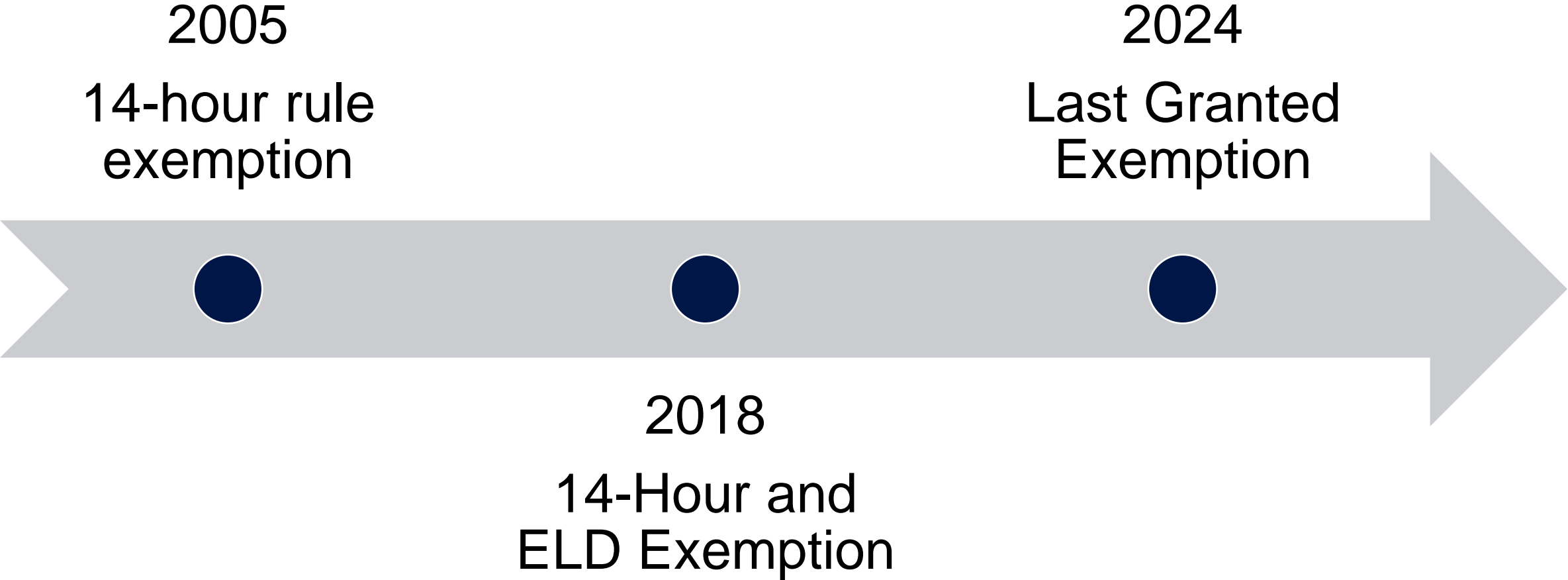
DataQ

DataQ is an FMCSA system that allows users to request and track a review of Federal and State data issued by FMCSA believed to be incomplete or incorrect.



<https://dataqs.fmcsa.dot.gov/>

APA's Hours of Service and Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Exemption



FEDERAL RULEMAKING OVERVIEW

- Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse
- CDL Testing Flexibilities
- Speed Limiters
- Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB)
- Safe Integration of Automated Driving System (ADS)-Equipped CMVs
- Electronic Logging Devices (ELD) Revisions



<https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/federal-register-documents>

FEDERAL RULEMAKING OVERVIEW (cont'd)

- Safety Fitness Determinations
- Unified Registration System (URS)
- New Entrant Training and Testing
- Transparency in Property Broker Transactions
- Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level CMV Operators; Additional Curriculum and Training Provider Requirements
 - Sexual Assault Sexual Harassment Human Trafficking and Vulnerable Road Users Training

QUESTIONS?

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