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Subject: UCR Implementation in Louisiana
Importance: High

See reference to UCR in "red" below. This was published in the "Louisiana Register" as a "Notice of Intent" on Friday, February 15th. Did the UCRA Board advise them NOT to collect fees? The Industry in attendance at the Florida meeting said that no action was taken on the Louisiana issue.

Thanks!

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FISCAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

**RULE TITLE: Motor Carrier Safety
and Hazardous Materials**

I. ESTIMATED IMPLEMENTATION COSTS (SAVINGS) TO STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS (Summary)

This rule change adds federal motor carrier safety federal regulations parts 107, 355, 360, 365, 367, 373, 374, 375, 376, 379, 384, 386, 387, 388 and 389 to the administrative rules. The changes to Parts 365 and 367, which are associated with the Unified Carrier Registration (UCR), are the only areas that could have an impact on State Police or the Public Service Commission. The costs of implementation of Parts 365 and 367 are anticipated to be negligible upon State Police and the Public Service Commission. The other changes to federal motor carrier safety federal regulations will have no implementation cost impact upon State Police or the Public Service Commission. No impact is anticipated on local government.

II. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON REVENUE COLLECTIONS OF STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNITS (Summary)

Because this rule is adding federal motor carrier safety federal regulation parts 365 and 367, there could be a significant increase in fees and self-generated revenues and federal revenue collections within State Police. The UCR is a new method of registering freight carriers and freight forwarders in this state. However at this time, the Federal UCR Board has indicated to State Police and the Public Service Commission not to collect registration or enforcement fees for this program until the proper authority to regulate this program (State Police or Public Service Commission) can be determined. State Police cannot ascertain whether they will ultimately be able to collect fees or receive federal match monies based on collections initially estimated to be several million dollars. Also, the Public Service Commission cannot determine pursuant to this regulation whether they will be authorized to collect fees as well.

III. ESTIMATED COSTS AND/OR ECONOMIC BENEFITS TO DIRECTLY AFFECTED PERSONS OR NONGOVERNMENTAL GROUPS (Summary)

Although commercial motor carriers are subject to fines for violation of the Code of Federal Regulations, they are currently subject to fines for these violations and therefore no net impact is anticipated.

IV. ESTIMATED EFFECT ON COMPETITION AND EMPLOYMENT (Summary)

Those commercial motor carriers who are cited for violations of these rules being adopted could be adversely impacted; however, these motor carriers are currently subject to fines for violations.

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