

## S 754

Safe Roads Act of 2011

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**Chamber:** Senate

**Policy Area:** Transportation and Public Works

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**Current Status:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

**Latest Action:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. (Apr 7, 2011)

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### Sponsor

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Sen. Vitter, David [R-LA]	R · LA		Apr 7, 2011
Sen. Wicker, Roger F. [R-MS]	R · MS		Apr 7, 2011

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee	Senate	Referred To	Apr 7, 2011

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
112 S 1950	Related bill	<b>Nov 13, 2012:</b> Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 543.
112 HR 14	Related bill	<b>Mar 21, 2012:</b> Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, Agriculture, Science, Space, and Technology, the Budget, Oversight and Government Reform, Financial Services, Education and the Workforce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
112 HR 2459	Related bill	<b>Jul 9, 2011:</b> Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Safe Roads Act of 2011 - Directs the Secretary of Transportation (DOT) to establish a national clearinghouse for verified positive alcohol and controlled substance test results and test refusals as well as violations of Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) alcohol and controlled substances regulations of commercial motor vehicle operators. Prohibits the release of clearinghouse information to a commercial motor carrier employer unless there has been compliance with all applicable federal privacy laws and regulations.

Authorizes the Secretary to collect fees from such employers and other authorized users for informational requests.

Prohibits an employer from hiring an individual to operate a commercial motor vehicle unless the employer has determined that the individual, for the preceding three-year period, has: (1) been tested for use of alcohol and controlled substances; (2) not tested positive for their use, or tested positive but has completed the return-to-duty process; (3) not refused to be tested; and (4) not violated FMCSA alcohol and controlled substances regulations.

Directs the Secretary to establish a process: (1) to require employers to request and review any clearinghouse records of individuals before their employment as a commercial motor vehicle operator and for each year thereafter as long as the individual is so employed; and (2) for an individual and a state licensing authority to request and receive information from the clearinghouse.

Subjects persons who violate the requirements of this Act to both civil and criminal penalties.

Requires the Secretary to take certain actions to enhance DOT oversight of testing sites.

### **Actions Timeline**

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