

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

March 18, 2026
Date

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1286 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, page 2, line 12, strike "**definitions.**" and substitute
2 "**definitions - repeal.**".

3 Page 2, line 14, after "VEHICLE" insert "THAT HAS A MANUFACTURER'S
4 GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING OR GROSS COMBINATION WEIGHT RATING
5 OF TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND ONE POUNDS OR MORE".

6 Page 2, line 15, strike "A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE:" and substitute
7 "THE APPROPRIATE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH ANY REQUIRED
8 ENDORSEMENT FOR THE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE:".

9 Page 2, strike line 16 and substitute:

10 "(a) IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN THE CAB OF THE COMMERCIAL
11 MOTOR VEHICLE AND PREPARED TO INTERVENE, IF NECESSARY, TO AVOID
12 ILLEGAL OR UNSAFE DRIVING OF THE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE;".

13 Page 3, lines 3 and 4, strike "TO THE PENALTIES SET FORTH IN SECTION
14 42-4-1701 (4)(a)(I)(A) AND (4)(g)." and substitute "TO:

15 (a) A PENALTY OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A SURCHARGE OF
16 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A FIRST CONVICTION;

17 (b) A PENALTY OF TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AND A SURCHARGE OF
18 ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR A SECOND CONVICTION; OR

19 (c) (I) A SURCHARGE OF ONE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS; AND

20 (II) A PENALTY THAT DOUBLES THE PENALTY DESCRIBED IN
21 SUBSECTION (3)(b) OF THIS SECTION FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT CONVICTION
22 AFTER THE SECOND CONVICTION."

1 Page 3, after line 15 insert:

2 "(6) (a) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1,
3 2031.

4 (b) THE CHIEF OF THE COLORADO STATE PATROL SHALL ANALYZE
5 THIS SECTION'S EFFECTS ON COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SAFETY ON HIGHWAYS.
6 BY NOVEMBER 1, 2030, THE CHIEF OF THE COLORADO STATE PATROL
7 SHALL, BASED ON THE REVIEW, ISSUE A REPORT TO THE HOUSE OF
8 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT
9 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,
10 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST MAKE
11 RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO WHETHER TO CONTINUE THIS SECTION, AND, IF THE
12 RECOMMENDATION IS TO CONTINUE THIS SECTION, ANY RECOMMENDED
13 LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE THIS SECTION."

14 Page 3, strike lines 16 through 27.

15 Strike page 4.

16 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 4.

17 Renumber succeeding sections accordingly.

18 Page 5, line 14, after "vehicle" insert "that has a manufacturer's gross
19 vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of twenty-six
20 thousand one pounds or more".

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