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**A BILL**

To enact section 2305.52 of the Revised Code to  
prohibit certain indemnity agreements in motor  
vehicle carrier transportation contracts.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 2305.52 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2305.52. (A) Except as provided in division (B) of  
this section, a provision, clause, covenant, or agreement  
contained in, collateral to, or affecting a motor carrier  
transportation contract that purports to indemnify, defend, or  
hold harmless, or has the effect of indemnifying, defending, or  
holding harmless, the promisee from or against any liability for  
loss or damage resulting from the negligence or intentional acts  
or omissions of the promisee is void as against public policy.

(B) This section does not apply to the uniform interchange  
and facilities access agreement, administered by the intermodal  
association of North America or other agreements providing for  
the interchange, use, or possession of intermodal chassis or  
other intermodal equipment.

<u>(C) For purposes of this section:</u>	19
<u>(1) "Motor carrier" has the same meaning as in section 4923.01 of the Revised Code.</u>	20 21
<u>(2) "Motor carrier transportation contract" means a contract, agreement, or understanding covering any of the following:</u>	22 23 24
<u>(a) The transportation of property for compensation or hire by a motor carrier;</u>	25 26
<u>(b) Entrance onto property by a motor carrier for the purpose of loading, unloading, or transporting property for compensation or hire;</u>	27 28 29
<u>(c) A service incidental to an activity described in division (C) (2) (a) or (b) of this section.</u>	30 31
<u>(3) "Promisee" means the person who enters into a motor carrier transportation contract with a motor carrier. "Promisee" includes any agent, employee, servant, or independent contractor who is directly responsible to the promisee. "Promisee" does not include a motor carrier who is a party to a motor carrier transportation contract with the promisee, and that motor carrier's agents, employees, servants, or independent contractors directly responsible to that motor carrier.</u>	32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39