

array of driver and situational factors to determine if they are associated with increased or decreased crash involvement. This notice is required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by any of the following methods. Please identify your comments by the FMCSA Docket Number FMCSA-2007-25652.

- *Web site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

Follow instructions for submitting comments to the Docket.

- *Fax:* 202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Management Facility, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Plaza level, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* Plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

*Docket:* For access to the Docket Management System (DMS) to read background documents or comments received, go to <http://dms.dot.gov> at any time or to the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The DMS is available electronically 24 hours each day, 365 days each year. If you want notification of receipt of your comments, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope, or postcard or print the acknowledgement page that appears after submitting comments on-line.

*Privacy Act:* Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), or you may visit <http://dms.dot.gov>.

All comments should reference Docket No. FMCSA-2006-25652. You may mail or hand deliver comments to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Dockets Management Facility, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; telefax comments to 202/493-2251; or submit electronically at <http://dms.dot.gov>. You may examine and copy all comments received at the above address between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you desire your comment to be acknowledged, you must include a self-

addressed stamped envelope or postcard or, if you submit your comments electronically, you may print the acknowledgment.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Albert Alvarez, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Office of Research and Analysis (MC-RRR), Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, 400 Virginia Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20024. Telephone (202) 385-2387 or send an e-mail to [albert.alvarez@fmcsa.dot.gov](mailto:albert.alvarez@fmcsa.dot.gov). Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Risk Factor Study.

*OMB Control No:* 2126-xxxx.

*Type of Request:* New Collection.

*Respondents:* Commercial motor vehicle drivers and motor carriers.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 700.

*Estimated Time per Response:* The estimated average burden per response is 20 minutes for telephone interviews; 30 minutes for paper/online questionnaires; 4 hours for in-person interviews, including psychological and perceptual testing, and medical examinations; and 30 minutes for motor carriers to locate and deliver respondents' driving records to researchers.

*Frequency:* This information will be a single, nonrecurring event.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden:* 1,124 hours [100 participating carriers × 2 hours to provide information to researchers + 100 non-response carriers × 30 minutes/60 minutes + 600 non-response CMV drivers × 5 minutes/60 minutes + 600 CMV driver telephone interviews × 20 minutes/60 minutes + 600 CMV driver paper/online questionnaires × 30 minutes/60 minutes + 72 in-person interviews, psychological and perceptual testing, and medical examinations × 4 hours + 20 carriers locating and delivering 72 drivers' driving records × 30 minutes per driver/60 minutes = 1,124 hours].

*Background:* The purpose of this study is to identify, verify, quantify, and prioritize commercial motor vehicle (CMV) driver risk factors. Primarily, these factors are personal, such as demographic characteristics, medical conditions, personality traits, and performance capabilities. Risk factors may also include work environmental conditions, such as carrier operations type, and compensation methods. The study will identify risk factors by linking the characteristics of individual drivers with their driving histories,

especially the presence or absence of crashes or inspection violations.

*Public Comments Invited:* You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) Whether the proposed collection is necessary for the FMCSA's performance; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information. The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

Issued on: March 13, 2007.

**Rose A. McMurray,**

*Chief Safety Officer, Assistant Administrator.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

[U.S. DOT Docket Number NHTSA-2007-27625]

### Reports, Forms, and Record Keeping Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Request for public comment on proposed collection of information.

**SUMMARY:** Before a Federal agency can collect certain information from the public, it must receive approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Under procedures established by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before seeking OMB approval, Federal agencies must solicit public comment on proposed collections of information, including extensions and reinstatement of previously approved collections.

This document describes one collection of information for which NHTSA intends to seek OMB approval.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must refer to the docket notice numbers cited at the beginning of this notice and be submitted to Docket Management, Room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. Please identify the proposed collection of information for which a comment is provided, by referencing its OMB clearance Number. It is requested, but not required, that 2 copies of the comment be provided. The

Docket Section is open on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Complete copies of each request for collection of information may be obtained at no charge from Gayle Dalrymple, NHTSA, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Room 5309, NVS-123, Washington, DC 20590. Ms. Dalrymple's telephone number is (202) 366-5559. Please identify the relevant collection of information by referring to its OMB Control Number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, before an agency submits a proposed collection of information to OMB for approval, it must first publish a document in the **Federal Register** providing a 60-day comment period and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information. The OMB has promulgated regulations describing what must be included in such a document. Under OMB's regulation (at 5 CFR 1320.8(d), an agency must ask for public comment on the following:

(i) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

(ii) The accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

(iii) How to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

(iv) How to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses.

In compliance with these requirements, NHTSA asks for public comments on the following proposed collections of information:

*Title:* Exemption for the Make Inoperative Prohibition.

*OMB Control Number:* 2127-0635.

*Affected Public:* Businesses that modify vehicles so that the vehicles may be used by persons with disabilities.

*Form Number:* none.

*Abstract:* On February 27, 2001 NHTSA published a final rule (66 FR 12638) to facilitate the modification of motor vehicles so that persons with disabilities can drive or ride in them as passengers. In that final rule, the agency issued a limited exemption from a

statutory provision that prohibits specified types of commercial entities from either removing safety equipment or features installed on motor vehicles pursuant to the Federal motor vehicle safety standards or altering the equipment or features so as to adversely affect their performance. The exemption is limited in that it allows repair businesses to modify only certain types of Federally-required safety equipment and features, under specified circumstances. The regulation is found at 49 CFR Part 595 Subpart C—Vehicle Modifications to Accommodate People with Disabilities.

This final rule included two new "collections of information," as that term is defined in 5 CFR part 1320 *Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public*: modifier identification and a document to be provided to the owner of the modified vehicle stating the exemptions used for that vehicle and any reduction in load carrying capacity of the vehicle of more than 100 kg (220 lbs).

Modifiers who take advantage of the exemption created by this rule are required to furnish NHTSA with a written document providing the modifier's name, address, and telephone number, and a statement that the modifier is availing itself of the exemption.

The rule requires: "§595.6 Modifier Identification

(a) Any motor vehicle repair business that modifies a motor vehicle to enable a person with a disability to operate, or ride as a passenger in, the motor vehicle and intends to avail itself of the exemption provided in 49 CFR 595.7 shall furnish the information specified in paragraphs (a)(1) through (3) of this section to: Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590.

(1) Full individual, partnership, or corporate name of the motor vehicle repair business.

(2) Residence address of the motor vehicle repair business and State of incorporation if applicable.

(3) A statement that the motor vehicle repair business modifies a motor vehicle to enable a person with a disability to operate, or ride as a passenger in, the motor vehicle and intends to avail itself of the exemption provided in 49 CFR 595.7.

(b) Each motor vehicle repair business required to submit information under paragraph (a) of this section shall submit the information not later than August 27, 2001. After that date, each motor vehicle repair business that modifies a motor vehicle to enable a

person with a disability to operate, or ride as a passenger in, the motor vehicle and intends to avail itself of the exemption provided in 49 CFR 595.7 shall submit the information required under paragraph (a) not later than 30 days after it first modifies a motor vehicle to enable a person with a disability to operate, or ride as a passenger in, the motor vehicle. Each motor vehicle repair business who has submitted required information shall keep its entry current, accurate and complete by submitting revised information not later than 30 days after the relevant changes in the business occur."

This requirement is a one-time submission unless changes are made to the business as described in paragraph (b). NHTSA estimates that there are currently 579 businesses making modifications to motor vehicles to accommodate persons with disabilities which require the use of the make inoperative exemptions and therefore incur the paperwork burden. The initial registration of modifiers wishing to use the exemptions occurred in 2001. Now, we assume that five percent of the 579 businesses currently modifying vehicles will need to change their information or new registrants will elect to use the exemptions. We estimate registrations from 29 businesses each year of: 29 businesses  $\times$  10 minutes/business = 4.83 hours.

We estimate the material cost associated with each submission to be 49 cents per responding business, or \$14.21 nationwide annually.

Burden means the total time, effort, or financial resources expended by person to generate, maintain, retain, disclose or provide information to or for a Federal agency. This includes the time needed to review instruction; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

We seek comment on:

1. Is our estimate of 579 businesses engaged in vehicle modification to accommodate people with disabilities and using the make inoperative exemptions correct?

2. Are our estimates of the burden hours and material cost of compliance with 49 CFR 595.6 reasonable?

Modifiers who avail themselves of the exemptions in 49 CFR 595.7 are

required to keep a record, for each applicable vehicle, listing which standards, or portions thereof, no longer comply with the Federal motor vehicle safety standards and to provide a copy to the owner of the vehicle modified (see 49 CFR 595.7 (b) and (e) as published in the final rule).

We estimate that:

1. There are approximately 2,800 vehicles modified for persons with disabilities per year by 579 businesses, therefore

2. The burden for producing the record required by 49 CFR 595.7 in accordance with paragraph (e) for those vehicles will be 933 hours per year nationwide.

In the final rule we anticipated that the least costly way for a repair business to comply with this portion of the new rule would be to annotate the vehicle modification invoice as to the exemption, if any, involved with each item on the invoice. The cost of preparing the invoice is not a portion of our burden calculation, as that preparation would be done in the normal course of business. The time needed to annotate the invoice, we estimate, is 20 minutes. Therefore, the burden hours for a full year are calculated as: 2,800 vehicles x 20 minutes/vehicle = 933.3 hours.

This burden includes the calculation required by 49 CFR 595.7(e)5, but not the gathering of the information required for the calculation. That information would be gathered in the normal course of the vehicle modification. The only extra burden required by the rule is the calculation of the reduction in loading carrying capacity and conveying this information to the vehicle owner. Again we are assuming that annotation on the invoice is the least burdensome way to accomplish this customer notification.

There will be no additional material cost associated with compliance with this requirement since no additional materials need be used above those used to prepare the invoice in the normal course of business. We are assuming it is normal and customary in the course of vehicle modification business to prepare an invoice, to provide a copy of the invoice to the vehicle owner, and to keep a copy of the invoice for five years after the vehicle is delivered to the owner in finished form.

We seek comment on whether our assumptions about the following are reasonable:

1. The document required by 49 CFR 595.7(b) and specified in paragraph (e) will need to be prepared for approximately 2800 vehicles modified nationwide per year,

2. Annotation of each vehicle modification invoice as to which exemptions were used will take an average of 20 minutes, and

3. It is normal in the course of vehicle modification business to prepare an invoice, to provide a copy of the invoice to the vehicle owner, and to keep a copy of the invoice for five years after the vehicle is delivered to the owner in finished form.

*Estimated Annual Burden:* 933 hours, and \$14.21.

*Number of Respondents:* 579.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued on: March 20, 2007.

**Stephen R. Kratzke,**

*Associate Administrator for Rulemaking.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration

[Docket: PHMSA-98-4957]

#### Request for Public Comments and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Approval of an Existing Information Collection (2137-0596)

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice requests public participation in the OMB approval process for the renewal of an existing National Pipeline Mapping System (NPMS) information collection. PHMSA is requesting OMB approval for renewal of this information collection under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA). With this notice as required by the PRA, PHMSA invites the public to submit comments over the next 60 days on whether the existing information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before May 22, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should reference Docket No. PHMSA-98-4957 and may be submitted in the following ways:

- *DOT Web Site:* <http://dms.dot.gov>.

To submit comments on the DOT electronic docket site, click "Comment/Submissions," click "Continue," fill in the requested information, click "Continue," enter your comment, then click "Submit."

- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251.

- *Mail:* Docket Management System: U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Nassif Building, Room PL-401, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery:* DOT Docket Management System; Room PL-401 on the plaza level of the Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

- *E-Gov Web Site:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any **Federal Register** notice issued by any agency.

*Instructions:* Identify the docket number, PHMSA-98-4957, at the beginning of your comments. If you mail your comments, send two copies. If you wish to receive confirmation that PHMSA received your comments, include a self-addressed stamped postcard. Internet users may submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and may access all comments received by DOT at <http://dms.dot.gov> by performing a simple search for the docket number.

**Note:** PHMSA posts all comments without changes or edits to <http://dms.dot.gov> including any personal information provided.

### Privacy Act

Anyone can search the electronic form of all comments received in response to any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement is published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477), and on the Web at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** L.E. Herrick at (202) 366-5523, or by e-mail at [le.herrick@dot.gov](mailto:le.herrick@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to § 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, PHMSA is inviting comments on whether the renewal of the existing NPMS information collection is necessary for the proper performance of the functions