



2023 South Dakota Legislature

Senate Bill 97

Introduced by: **Senator Pischke**

1 **An Act to establish a for-cause requirement for inspections of motor carriers on**
 2 **possible vehicle weight and load violations.**

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 **Section 1. That § 32-2-7 be AMENDED:**

5 **32-2-7.** Agents, patrol officers, motor carrier enforcement officers, and motor
 6 carrier inspectors of the Department of Public Safety shall assist in the enforcement of all
 7 laws, police regulations, and rules governing motor vehicles and motor carriers over and
 8 upon the highways of this state. ~~The agents, patrol officers, motor carrier enforcement~~
 9 ~~officers, and motor carrier inspectors may stop any vehicle or carrier to~~ Any agent, patrol
 10 officer, motor carrier enforcement officer, or motor carrier inspector having reason to
 11 believe that the weight of a vehicle and load is unlawful may stop and examine, measure,
 12 or weigh the vehicle and its load and to withdraw and inspect any fuel being transported
 13 by the vehicle or used to propel the vehicle. The agents, patrol officers, motor carrier
 14 enforcement officers, and motor carrier inspectors may examine any bill-of-lading,
 15 registration, license, or permit to determine if the motor carrier is properly registered,
 16 licensed, or permitted and if the load transported is an amount permitted by the
 17 commercial motor vehicle license issued to the carrier.