



ISSUE PAPER: Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act of 2025

Purpose:

This bill aims to reduce frivolous lawsuits and improve accountability for attorneys who file baseless claims—an issue that can significantly impact trucking companies through costly legal battles.

Why It Matters to Motor Carriers

- **Reduces Legal Burden:**

The bill strengthens **Rule 11** of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, requiring courts to impose **mandatory penalties** on attorneys who file frivolous lawsuits. This could help motor carriers avoid unnecessary legal expenses and disruptions.

- **Compensation for Legal Costs:**

If your company is targeted by a baseless claim, the court must order the offending party to pay **reasonable legal fees and costs** incurred as a direct result of the violation.

- **Stronger Deterrents:**

Courts may also impose **additional sanctions**, such as dismissing the suit or issuing non-monetary penalties, which could discourage meritless litigation against carriers.

- **Protects Legitimate Claims:**

The bill ensures that it **does not interfere** with valid legal claims, including those related to civil rights or constitutional protections.
