



Bill to Ban Booting and Return Cargo Filed

I am pleased to inform you that NC House Bill 472, titled the "Commercial Vehicle & Cargo Protection Act," was filed on March 20, 2025.

This legislation aims to enhance the protection of commercial vehicles and their cargo through the following key provisions:

- **Prohibition of Immobilization Devices:** The bill makes it a misdemeanor to immobilize a commercial motor vehicle using devices such as boots.
- **Prompt Return of Commercial Cargo:** It mandates that towing companies involved in nonconsensual or government-initiated tows promptly return any towed commercial cargo to its owner or the owner's designee. Additionally, if a trailer containing commercial cargo is towed, the towing company must allow the exchange of the towed trailer with another trailer in equal or better condition.

These measures are designed to ensure the efficient operation of commercial transportation and safeguard the interests of businesses reliant on timely cargo deliveries.

We extend our gratitude to the primary sponsors of this bill—Representatives Branson, Loftis, Schietzelt, and Hawkins—as well as co-sponsors Representatives Carver, Longest, Pittman, and Scott, for their commitment to supporting North Carolina's commercial transportation sector.