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Overview

This act relates to trucking contracts. It provides that a promise by one party to a trucking contract to indemnify another party to the contract for acts or omissions by that other party is void and unenforceable.

1 Indemnity provisions in motor carrier transportation contracts.

Subd. 1. Void. Provides that no trucking contract can have a provision in which one party to the contract promises to indemnify (protect) another party to the contract from liability for that other party's negligence or intentional acts or omissions. Provides that any such provision in a contract is against public policy and is void and unenforceable.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Defines the terms "motor carrier transportation contract" and "promisee." "Promisee" refers to the person or entity that receives the promise of indemnity from the other party.

2 Effective date; application. Makes the act effective the day following final enactment and apply to contracts already existing on that date and contracts entered into or renewed on or after that date.