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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Wednesday, October 3 has a story on a rule change affecting commercial truck drivers.

"The Federal Highway Administration's Bureau of Motor Carrier Safety is proposing to increase the minimum interior dimensions of sleeper berths in commercial vehicles operated in interstate and foreign commerce. Labor representatives petitioned that the present requirements were inadequate -- preventing drivers (who must rest in sleeper berths) from getting sufficient rest to handle large, complex trucks safely. The proposal would provide an extra 3 inches in width and depth making the berths 24 inches wide and 24 inches deep while retaining the present standard length of 75 inches."

This has been the Transportation News Report.

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