

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH COMMISSION POLICY FOR
DETERMINING WHETHER LINKAGES EXIST BETWEEN MOTOR
CARRIER ACCIDENTS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND
MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY FITNESS AT THE TIME OF
LICENSING

WHEREAS: There has been a rise in the number of commercial vehicle accidents on California highways over the last four years causing increased public and legislative attention to this issue; and

WHEREAS: Those who desire to haul property by motor vehicle in for-hire transportation over the public highways must first secure from this Commission either a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity or a Permit (Licenses) before beginning actual operations; and,

WHEREAS: This Commission may impose conditions such as knowledge of state truck laws and Public Utilities Code regulations before issuing licenses; and,

WHEREAS: The imposing of safety standards as a condition for obtaining authority to operate could be an effective tool to enhance for-hire motor carrier safety practices and consciousness; and

WHEREAS: There is a Federal program mandated by the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984 for the Department of Transportation in cooperation with the Interstate Commerce Commission to determine the safety fitness of applicants for new or expanded interstate operating authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That, it will be the policy of this Commission to explore with the California Highway Patrol and the motor carrier industry the feasibility and benefits of establishing safety-related fitness requirements for licensing intrastate for-hire carriers. For this purpose the Commission will direct its Transportation Division staff to (1) monitor the Federal program to determine whether it is an effective way to improve highway safety, and (2) conduct other studies deemed necessary to obtain the desired information on this issue and advise the Commission as to the appropriateness of issuing an Order Instituting Investigation for the purpose of developing desired safety criteria required for an effective motor carrier safety certificate program.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced,
passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the Public Utilities
Commission of the State of California, held on MAY 28 1986.
The following Commissioners approve

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