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ENFORCEMENT VARIABILITY PER STATE



As a driver I'm sure you have noticed some states tend to conduct more inspections and have more Scale houses open than others. It turns out your observations are correct, there is a big disparity regarding the level of enforcement carried out from one state to the other.

The most enforcement intense states are:

Maryland
California
Pennsylvania
Texas
Arizona
Missouri
Illinois
Georgia
Indiana
New Mexico

The least enforcement intense states are:

Vermont
North Dakota
New Hampshire
Nebraska
Wyoming
Maine
West Virginia
Oklahoma
Louisiana
South Dakota

To provide an example, during the year 2014 Maryland conducted 17 inspections per lane mile vs. Vermont that conducted just 1 inspection per lane mile. Keep in mind that some states also conduct more inspections at roadside than at a scale house. For example, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Arizona, New Mexico and Indiana conduct more than 60% of their inspections roadside while other states conduct most of their inspections at a scale house like California and Maryland.

The violation priorities for each state doesn't vary as much. Most states focus on Brakes, Lights, Tires and Hours of Service. That's why it is important to always do your Pre-trip inspection in the morning and correct any defects your equipment might have. Also, keep your daily log current with your daily activities and be compliant with the hours of service.

Remember, performing your duties in Hours of service and vehicle maintenance will save you time, money and problems down the road.