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GOVERNOR SUPPORTS TRUCK SAFETY OFFICERS IN 1999 BUDGET

ATLANTA -- Governor Zell Miller's 1999 recommended budget calls for ten (10) additional PSC Transportation Officers to conduct truck safety inspections. In his budget address this morning the Governor made the following statement:

"And, once again, to ensure that the large trucks on our highways meet all state and federal safety regulations, I recommend ten new enforcement officers who will be assigned to monitor trucks in high traffic areas, something that is greatly needed. The federal government will pay 80 percent of the cost, so we need only \$157,000 in state funds."

-- Georgia Governor Zell Miller

Responding to the Governor, PSC Chairman Stan Wise said:

"We couldn't be more pleased with the Governor's recommendation. Governor Miller has always supported us in this public safety initiative and we hope the House and Senate will follow suit."

-- PSC Chairman Stan Wise

If the additional officers are ultimately funded by the General Assembly, the PSC will locate six of the officers in Atlanta, one in Augusta, one in Columbus, and possibly two around the ports in Savannah. The officers will provide an average of 10,000 more truck inspections each year which will remove several thousand unsafe trucks and drivers from Georgia's highways.

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