

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. _____

To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to commercial motor vehicle operator testing requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

_____ introduced the following bill; which was read twice
and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the **[“**
5 _____ Act of _____”**]**.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR TEST-**
7 **ING REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) TESTING STANDARDS.—Section 31305(a) of title
9 49, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (4), by redesignating subpara-
2 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
3 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

4 (2) in paragraph (5)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (B), by redesignating
6 clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I)
7 through (IV), respectively, and indenting the
8 subclauses appropriately; and

9 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
10 through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-
11 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

12 (3) in paragraph (8), by redesignating subpara-
13 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
14 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

15 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
16 (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H), respectively,
17 and indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

18 (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
19 (as so redesignated)—

20 (A) in the second sentence, by striking
21 “The regulations” and inserting the following:

22 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations under
23 paragraph (1)”;

1 (B) in the first sentence, by striking “The
2 Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe reg-
3 ulations on” and inserting the following:

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’)
6 shall prescribe regulations establishing”; and

7 (6) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(3) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law (including regulations),
11 effective beginning on the date that is 2 years
12 after the date of enactment of the
13 _____ Act of _____, an individual
14 shall not be eligible to pass a knowledge test[,
15 in written, verbal, or automated format,] under
16 this subsection, or to receive a certification of
17 fitness to operate a commercial motor vehicle,
18 unless the individual demonstrates the ability to
19 understand in English the basic information
20 needed to effectively operate, and to commu-
21 nicate in English while operating, a commercial
22 motor vehicle, including—

23 “(i) reading and understanding traffic
24 signs in English;

1 “(ii) communicating in English with
2 traffic safety officers, border patrol agents,
3 agricultural checkpoint [officers], and
4 cargo weight-limit station personnel; and
5 “(iii) providing and receiving feedback
6 and directions in English.

7 “(B) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any
8 other provision of law (including regulations),
9 effective beginning on the date that is 2 years
10 after the date of enactment of the
11 _____ Act of _____, a knowledge
12 test[, in written, verbal, or automated format,]
13 under this subsection may not be administered
14 in any language other than English.”.

15 (b) AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.—The Secretary
16 of Transportation shall modify the regulations contained
17 in part 383 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as
18 the Secretary of Transportation determines to be nec-
19 essary to implement this section and the amendments
20 made by this section by the date that is 2 years after the
21 date of enactment of this Act.