



LICENSE Act

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Licensing Individual Commercial Exam-takers Now Safely and Efficiently (LICENSE) Act (H.R. 6567/S. 3556) is a bipartisan bill which would streamline onerous commercial driver licensing (CDL) regulations by making permanent several waivers that the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) instituted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic last year.

These waivers include:

- The Waiver for States Concerning Third Party CDL Skills Test Examiners In Response to the COVID-19 Emergency (Nov. 29, 2021) and;
- The Three-Month Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 Emergency – For States and CLP Holders Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles (Nov. 29, 2021).

Specifically, the bill would:

- Allow state and third-party examiners previously authorized to administer the CDL skills test to also administer the CDL knowledge test without having to complete the training course. This will help get additional drivers on the road faster without compromising safety.
- Allow licensed drivers who are accompanying commercial learner's permit (CLP) holders to move from the front seat of a truck cab to its sleeper berth. In most cases, CLP holders have already passed their road tests and are simply waiting to receive the physical copy of their commercial driver's license. This change would recognize that these drivers have already passed their test.
- Allow states to administer driving skills tests to applicants from other states. This will streamline the credentialing process and allow future truckers to get tested where they live rather than only where they received their training.

POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

Pass H.R. 6567/S. 3556 – LICENSE Act

Address the nation's supply chain crisis and increase the number of available truck drivers by passing the Licensing Individual Commercial Exam-takers Now Safely and Efficiently (LICENSE) Act.

REQUEST

NLBMDA urges lawmakers to cosponsor and pass the LICENSE Act in both chambers of Congress. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL) and Sen. Cynthia Lummis (R-WY).

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