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To amend and reenact R.S. 32:408.1(2)(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4) and to enact R.S. 32:408.1(5), relative to requiring third-party testers that administer tests for commercial drivers to comply with certain federal regulations and to obtain a surety bond; and to provide for related matters.

Section 1. R.S. 32:408.1(2)(introductory paragraph), (3), and (4) are hereby amended and reenacted and R.S. 32:408.1(5) is hereby enacted to read as follows

The Department of Public Safety and Corrections, public safety services, may contract with or license another state, an employer, a private driver training facility, driver education course provider, or other private institution, or a department, agency, or instrumentality of a local government to administer the skills tests as specified herein if all of the following conditions are met:

(2) The third party has a contract or license with the department to administer skills tests for Class "D" or "E" driver's licenses containing, at a minimum, provisions which:

(3) The third party has a contract or license with the department to administer skills tests for Class "A", "B", or "C" driver's licenses which, at minimum, complies with 49 CFR 383.75. In addition, the third-party tester must initiate and maintain a surety bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars.

1                   ~~(3)~~ (4) A driver applicant who takes and passes driving tests administered  
 2                   by an authorized third party shall provide evidence to the state licensing agency that  
 3                   he has successfully passed the driving tests administered by the third party on a form  
 4                   approved by the department.

5                   ~~(4)~~ (5) Any third party or department employee authorized under the  
 6                   provisions of this Chapter to administer tests to applicants for commercial driver's  
 7                   licenses who falsifies information regarding test results or applicant qualification or  
 8                   who in any way participates in, aids, or abets the fraudulent testing or issuance to an  
 9                   applicant of a commercial driver's license or endorsement thereon shall be liable  
 10                  under this Chapter for civil penalties of not less than five hundred nor more than five  
 11                  thousand dollars per act. Furthermore, the department may establish procedures to  
 12                  void all transactions and any licenses issued as a result of such falsification or fraud,  
 13                  such procedures to be established pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act.  
 14                  Any authorized third party tester suffering a sanction under the provisions of this  
 15                  Chapter shall forfeit his authorized third party testing status and contract and shall  
 16                  not qualify for such status henceforth.

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