DIGEST

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Anders HB No. 1005

Abstract: Provides an exemption to the skills testing requirements for Class "A", "B", and "C" commercial driver's licenses.

<u>Present law</u> requires that applicants for Classes "A", "B", and "C" commercial driver's licenses must correctly answer at least 80% of the questions on each knowledge test and successfully perform all of the required skills on the skills test to achieve passing scores.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the skills test requirements applicable to Class "A", "B", and "C" commercial driver's licenses are waived if a driver meets one of the following requirements:

- (1) Certifies that, during the two-year period immediately prior to applying for a commercial driver's license, he has not had any of the following:
 - (a) More than one license, except for a military license.
 - (b) Any license suspended, revoked, or cancelled.
 - (c) Any convictions for any type of motor vehicle for the disqualifying offenses contained in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Regulations.
 - (d) More than one conviction for any type of motor vehicle for serious traffic violations contained in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Regulations.
 - (e) Any conviction for a violation of military, state, or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection with any traffic accident, and has no record of an accident in which he or she was at fault.
- (2) Provides evidence and certifies that he is or was any of the following:
 - (a) Regularly employed within the last 90 days in a military position requiring operation of a commercial motor vehicle.
 - (b) Exempted from the commercial driver's license requirements in Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Regulations.

(c) Operating a vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle the driver applicant operates or expects to operate, for at least the two years immediately preceding discharge from the military.

(Adds R.S. 32:408(A)(5))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works</u> to the <u>original</u> bill.

- 1. Specified that the exemption shall only apply to the skills test.
- 2. Established requirements for the application of the exemption in proposed law.

House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill.

1. Made technical changes.