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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes schools to administer commercial driver license exam and other motor vehicle services for school bus drivers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning the licensing of school bus drivers and
2 amending P.L.1990, c.103.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. Section 4 of P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.12) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 4. a. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
10 contrary, the chief administrator shall adopt and administer a
11 classified licensing system and a program for testing and ensuring
12 the fitness of persons to operate commercial motor vehicles in
13 accordance with the minimum federal standards established under
14 the federal "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986," Pub.
15 L. 99-570 (49 U.S.C. s. 2701 et seq.) and the regulations
16 promulgated pursuant to that law. The chief administrator shall not
17 issue a commercial driver license to a person unless that person
18 passes a knowledge and skills test for the operation of a commercial
19 motor vehicle which complies with the federal standards. The chief
20 administrator may issue commercial driver examination or learner's
21 permits, subject to such conditions and restrictions as deemed
22 necessary, to carry out the provisions of this act.

23 b. A knowledge and skills test shall not be required by the chief
24 administrator for the renewal of a commercial driver license issued
25 pursuant to the provisions of this act. However, a knowledge and
26 skills test may be required for (1) the renewal of an endorsement
27 permitting the operation of vehicles required to be placarded for
28 hazardous materials, (2) **【for】** the renewal or reissuance of a
29 commercial driver license if the license was suspended or revoked
30 under section 12 of this act during the last license period preceding
31 the renewal or reissuance, or (3) **【for】** the renewal or reissuance of
32 a license which had not been renewed for a period of three or more
33 years.

34 c. Upon the request of an applicant for a commercial driver
35 license, the chief administrator shall administer to the applicant oral
36 knowledge tests for the commercial driver license and any
37 endorsements if the applicant supplies sufficient proof or otherwise
38 demonstrates to the satisfaction of the chief administrator his
39 inability to comprehend a written test. The chief administrator shall
40 provide an English and Spanish version of the knowledge tests for a
41 commercial driver license and for any endorsements and shall be
42 authorized to provide versions in such other languages as **【he, in his**
43 **discretion,】** the chief administrator may deem appropriate.

44 d. A person who satisfactorily completes the knowledge tests
45 required by this act for a commercial driver license and any
46 endorsement shall not be required under R.S.39:3-10, R.S.39:3-
47 10.1, or any other section in Title 39 of the Revised Statutes to take

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **【thus】** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 any other knowledge test for the operation of a commercial motor
2 vehicle.

3 e. (Deleted by amendment, P.L.2005, c.147).

4 f. For the purposes of an application for a commercial driver
5 license by a person who has never held a license issued under the
6 provisions of this act, a person who satisfactorily completes the
7 knowledge test for the commercial driver license but not the test for
8 an endorsement, or a person who satisfactorily completes the
9 knowledge test for an endorsement but not the test for the
10 commercial driver license, shall not be required to retake that test
11 which was satisfactorily completed.

12 g. No provision in this act, or in any manual, test, or
13 administrative procedure developed to implement the provisions of
14 this act, shall be deemed to expand the requirements for commercial
15 motor vehicle operators concerning pre-trip inspection, after-trip
16 inspection and inspection during a trip as such requirements are set
17 forth in federal law or regulation. This subsection, however, shall
18 not be deemed to limit the authority of the chief administrator, or
19 the authority of any State department or agency, to promulgate,
20 pursuant to other provisions of State law, standards and procedures
21 on vehicle inspections which are consistent with federal law and
22 regulation.

23 h. Classified licensing of drivers of school buses shall be by
24 endorsement on the commercial driver licenses issued pursuant to
25 P.L.1990, c.103 (C.39:3-10.9 et seq.).

26 i. Subject to the rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this
27 subsection by the chief administrator, a school district may
28 administer at a school facility the necessary motor vehicle services
29 to assist an individual in becoming a school bus driver, including
30 provision of the commercial driver license manual, identification
31 verification, processing of the permit fee, application for the
32 passenger endorsement, school bus endorsement and any other
33 endorsement that may be required by the commission, and
34 administration of any applicable knowledge test; provided,
35 however, that the road test shall not be administered by the school
36 district. The commission shall implement a program that promotes
37 the administration of these motor vehicle services for prospective
38 school bus drivers at school facilities pursuant to this subsection.
39 The chief administrator shall promulgate rules and regulations to
40 effectuate the provisions of this subsection and the commission
41 shall coordinate with school districts for the administration of such
42 services.

43 (cf: P.L.2005, c.147, s.3)

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45 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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50 This bill authorizes the administration of all motor vehicle

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1 services associated with becoming a school bus driver, except for
2 the road test, by school districts, subject to rules and regulations
3 promulgated by the Chief Administrator of the New Jersey Motor
4 Vehicle Commission (MVC). The bill requires the MVC to
5 implement a program that promotes the administration of these
6 motor vehicle services at school facilities and requires the MVC to
7 coordinate with school districts for the administration of the these
8 services for prospective school bus drivers.