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To require all testing relating to the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license to be conducted only in English, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BARR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Secure Commercial
5 Driver Licensing Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.**—The
9 term “commercial driver's license” has the meaning

1 given the term in section 31301 of title 49, United
2 States Code.

3 (2) DRIVER'S LICENSE.—The term “driver's li-
4 cense” has the meaning given the term in section
5 31301 of title 49, United States Code.

6 (3) NON-DOMICILED CDL.—The term “non-
7 domiciled CDL” means a commercial driver's license
8 issued by a State or other jurisdiction to an indi-
9 vidual who is not domiciled in that State or jurisdic-
10 tion, in accordance with part 383 of title 49, Code
11 of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

12 (4) NON-DOMICILED CLP.—The term “non-
13 domiciled CLP” means a commercial learner's per-
14 mit issued by a State or other jurisdiction to an in-
15 dividual who is not domiciled in that State or juris-
16 diction, in accordance with part 383 of title 49,
17 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
18 tions).

19 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Transportation.

21 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO ADMINISTER DRIVING TESTS IN**
22 **ENGLISH.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31305(a) of title 49,
24 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), in
2 the first sentence, by inserting “(referred to in this
3 section as the ‘Secretary’)” after “Secretary of
4 Transportation”;

5 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
6 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

7 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(7) shall require the tests to be administered
10 only in English;”.

11 (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall promul-
13 gate new, or revise existing, regulations, rules, and docu-
14 ments, as necessary, to ensure that all testing relating to
15 the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver’s license
16 is conducted only in English, including—

17 (1) any tests administered as part of an entry-
18 level driver training program;

19 (2) any knowledge tests relating to the issuance
20 or renewal of a commercial driver’s license; and

21 (3) any tests administered by a third-party
22 training provider included on the training provider
23 registry maintained by the Federal Motor Carrier
24 Safety Administration.

1 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO HOLD DRIVER'S LICENSE BE-**
2 **FORE OBTAINING CDL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), begin-
4 ning on the date of enactment of this Act, a commercial
5 driver's license may not be issued to an individual who
6 has not held a driver's license for a period of at least 1
7 year before the date on which the commercial driver's li-
8 cense is issued.

9 (b) EXEMPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
10 an individual who holds a commercial driver's license as
11 of the date of enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 5. REVOCATION OF AUTHORITY.**

13 The Secretary may revoke the authority of any State
14 or other jurisdiction to issue non-domiciled CDLs or non-
15 domiciled CLPs if the Secretary determines that the State
16 or other jurisdiction is not in compliance with all applica-
17 ble Federal standards relating to that authority, including
18 the provisions of this Act and any regulations promulgated
19 or revised under this Act.

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