

DRAFT LEGISLATION

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION ____ . EMERGENCY CLP AND CDL LICENSING AUTHORITY.

(a) Definitions.—In this section:

- (1) CDL.—The term “CDL” means a commercial driver’s license.
- (2) CLP.—The term “CLP” means a commercial learner’s permit.
- (3) DESIGNATED ENTITY.—The term “designated entity” means—
 - (A) a public or private CDL school or motor carrier training program that is licensed by a State and approved by the Secretary;
 - (B) a CDL school or motor carrier training program for which an application for approval has been submitted to the Secretary by—
 - (i) the Commercial Vehicle Training Association;
 - (ii) the National Association of Publicly Funded Truck Driving Schools; or
 - (iii) the Professional Truck Driver Institute;
 - (C) a joint labor-management organization that is approved by the Secretary;
 - (D) a union organization that is approved by the Secretary;
 - (E) a public or private CDL school or motor carrier training program that is approved by a national or regional education accreditation body; and
 - (F) any other entity approved by the Secretary.
- (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Transportation.

(b) Temporary CLP and CDL Licensing Authority.—During the period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act and ending on the date on which the authority provided by this section expires under subsection (e), the Secretary may—

- (1)(A) administer CLP knowledge testing or CDL skills examinations; or
- (B) in lieu of the testing and examinations described in subparagraph (A), accept an equivalent training certification from a designated entity;
- (2) issue temporary CLPs or CDLs, as applicable, that shall be valid in all jurisdictions in the United States until the date on which the authority provided by this section expires under subsection (e); and
- (3) subject to reasonable health and safety restrictions, as established by the Secretary, designate any CDL school or motor carrier training program to open or remain open for CLP or CDL training or testing.

(c) Expiration of Emergency License.—On expiration of the authority provided by this section under subsection (e)—

- (1) any CLP or CDL issued by the Secretary under this section shall expire; and

(2) any individual who has obtained a CLP or CDL from the Secretary under this section and desires to remain licensed shall be required to take and pass the applicable CLP or CDL testing or examinations in the State in which the individual is domiciled.

(d) Regulations.—The Secretary may prescribe such regulations as the Secretary determines to be necessary to carry out this section.

(e) Expiration of Temporary Authority.—The authority provided by this section shall expire on the earlier of—

(1) the date that is 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act; and

(2) the date on which the Secretary officially declares that the temporary authority provided under this section is no longer needed.