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119TH CONGRESS
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H. R. _____

To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to commercial motor vehicle operator testing requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TAYLOR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Commercial Motor Ve-
5 hicle English Proficiency Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR TEST-**
2 **ING REQUIREMENTS.**

3 (a) TESTING STANDARDS.—Section 31305(a) of title
4 49, United States Code, is amended—

5 (1) in paragraph (4), by redesignating subpara-
6 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
7 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

8 (2) in paragraph (5)—

9 (A) in subparagraph (B), by redesignating
10 clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I)
11 through (IV), respectively, and indenting the
12 subclauses appropriately; and

13 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)
14 through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-
15 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

16 (3) in paragraph (8), by redesignating subpara-
17 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-
18 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

19 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
20 (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H), respectively,
21 and indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

22 (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)
23 (as so redesignated)—

24 (A) in the second sentence, by striking
25 “The regulations” and inserting the following:

1 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations under
2 paragraph (1)”;

3 (B) in the first sentence, by striking “The
4 Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe reg-
5 ulations on” and inserting the following:

6 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’)
8 shall prescribe regulations establishing”;

9 (6) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(3) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.—

11 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
12 other provision of law (including regulations),
13 effective beginning on the date that is 2 years
14 after the date of enactment of the Commercial
15 Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act, an indi-
16 vidual shall not be eligible to pass a knowledge
17 test, in written, verbal, or automated format,
18 under this subsection, or to receive a certifi-
19 cation of fitness to operate a commercial motor
20 vehicle, unless the individual demonstrates the
21 ability to understand in English the basic infor-
22 mation needed to effectively operate, and to
23 communicate in English while operating, a com-
24 mercial motor vehicle, including—

1 “(i) reading and understanding traffic
2 signs in English;

3 “(ii) communicating in English with
4 traffic safety officers, border patrol agents,
5 agricultural checkpoint officers, and cargo
6 weight-limit station personnel; and

7 “(iii) providing and receiving feedback
8 and directions in English.

9 “(B) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law (including regulations),
11 effective beginning on the date that is 2 years
12 after the date of enactment of the Commercial
13 Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act, a knowl-
14 edge test, in written, verbal, or automated for-
15 mat, under this subsection may not be adminis-
16 tered in any language other than English.”.

17 (b) AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.—The Secretary
18 of Transportation shall modify the regulations contained
19 in part 383 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as
20 the Secretary of Transportation determines to be nec-
21 essary to implement this section and the amendments
22 made by this section by the date that is 2 years after the
23 date of enactment of this Act.