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Good morning members of the Senate Transportation Committee,

On Tuesday's hearing on HB 217 questions on the new section of the bill were brought up. Below are the answers that I have gathered for the committee.

Senator Kiehl had asked about the applicability of this amendment to all portions of the test. The way that Commercial Learning Permits (the precursor to a Commercial Drivers License) work is an applicant must pass three different tests to get a CDL, the CDL Knowledge Test, the Entry-Level Driver Training (ELDT) Test, and the In-Person Road Skills Test. An applicant must pass a general knowledge or "theory" test to move onto the road exam, if the applicant fails the theory test, they will not be able to move onto the road exam. Under this bill, if the applicant fails the road exam, they don't need to start over and redo the theory test but rather redo just the road exam.

Senator Tobin asked about the length of validity of results. An applicant has a year from the time they've passed a portion of the test to complete their entire CPL process. For example, if an applicant passes the theory portion of the test in January but has a family emergency before they can do the road exam, they could come back in July and do the road exam without having to redo the theory test.

It also is worth noting that if an applicant is applying for another endorsement, they must redo the entire permitting process. If an applicant must renew their CPL (a year passes without completing their CDL) they must retake all three segments of the skills tests. This amendment aligns us with Federal regulations on CPL/CDL.

Please let me know if you have any other questions, thank you.
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