



As a follow up to the question asked by Sen. Bishop, I have investigated who may perform CDL medical exams. DOT physicals can only be performed by certified medical examiners who are listed on the National Registry of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Currently Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) licensed in the State of Alaska are not eligible to be a certified medical examiner, according to the FMCSA website. However, I did look at 5 nearby states in the lower 48 that have a broad scope of practice, like what is described in SB44. In these states, Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) are eligible to become medical examiners certified by FMCSA to perform the medical examinations of interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers necessary to obtain or renew a CDL.

Nearby States where NDs are eligible to perform CDL medical examinations:

Arizona
California
Montana
Oregon
Washington

I am confident that if SB44 were to be enacted into law, we could successfully ask FMCSA to update the eligibility status of NDs to allow us to be certified to perform CDL medical examinations. Of note, Nurse Practitioners in Alaska, who have roughly equivalent training to NDs, and who do not have required residency training, are already deemed eligible by FMCSA to perform these exams.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional clarification.

Thanks

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