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**To:** Londi Ensor  
**Subject:** Electronic fiscal note for HB 46  
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Hi Londi – attached is the electronic fiscal note for HB 46 (moved from committee this morning)

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Nancy,

Amy Erickson, Division Director with DMV, will be calling in as well.

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**HB 46**  
*Waive CDL Skill Test  
for Certain Veterans*

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# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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## REPRESENTATIVE DAN SADDLER SPONSOR STATEMENT

### House Bill 46

***"An Act relating to regulations adopted by the Department of Administration waiving the commercial motor vehicle driving skills test for certain drivers with military commercial motor vehicle experience."***

HB 46 allows the state of Alaska to waive the commercial driver's license road skills test for Alaska military personnel who earned their driving experience operating commercial-grade vehicles in the armed services.

The modern U.S. military is a highly mobile force, depending on skilled drivers operating a wide range of vehicles, under often harsh conditions. Impending budget cuts and troop reductions mean thousands of Alaska service members, including active duty, Guard and Reserve, will soon be hanging up their uniforms to seek civilian jobs.

In Alaska, where many trades and occupations involve transportation of goods and people across challenging landscapes, a commercial driver's license (CDL) is a valuable credential that can offer a significant boost to those seeking to enter the civilian work force, whether in tourism, commercial fishing, construction, oil field services or other industries.

HB 46 seeks to help returning Alaska military personnel find good jobs, and to help Alaska businesses find qualified and credentialed employees, by acknowledging that many military drivers already possess the skills they need to be safe, productive civilian drivers.

HB 46 directs the Department of Administration to adopt regulations in accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration guidelines, allowing the Alaska Division of Motor Vehicles to waive the road test in accordance with federal law.

To be eligible for a waiver, a driver must have spent the last two years or more driving the kind of equipment he expects to use in a civilian job, must have worked in the past 90 days as a military driver and must meet federal exemption requirements outlined in CFR 383.77. He/she also cannot have ever had any license suspended or revoked, had more than one minor traffic violation, been convicted of any driving offense involving drugs or alcohol, or been convicted for any serious traffic violation involving an accident.

Alaskans who honed their driving skills while in service to our nation deserve to have that experience validated and honored in the civilian world. HB 46 is an important tool to help them get the credentials they need to land good civilian jobs, and to help Alaska employers hire skilled and motivated employees.

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2013 Legislative Session

Bill Version: HB 46 (A)  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: HB046-DOA-DMV-2-08-13  
Title: WAIVE CDL SKILL TEST FOR CERTAIN  
VETERANS  
Sponsor: SADDLER  
Requester: House State Affairs

Department: Department of Administration  
Appropriation: Motor Vehicles  
Allocation: Motor Vehicles  
OMB Component Number: 2348

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

(Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2014 Appropriation Requested	Included in Governor's FY2014 Request	Out-Year Cost Estimates				
			FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>	<b>FY 2014</b>					
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants & Benefits							
Miscellaneous							
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Positions**

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

<b>Change in Revenues</b>							
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Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2013) cost: 0.0

Estimated CAPITAL (FY2014) cost: 0.0

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/14

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

STATE OF ALASKA  
2013 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

BILL NO. HB046

**Analysis**

This legislation will allow for the development of regulations by the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to provide drivers with recent military commercial vehicle driving experience the opportunity to waive the driving skills test required in Alaska Statute 28.33.100(a)(3) and 49 CFR 383.113.

This bill has no fiscal impact on the DMV.

**AS 28.33.100. License to drive commercial motor vehicle.**

(a) A person may not drive a commercial motor vehicle until the person applies for and is issued a license for that purpose under AS 28.15.041. The department may not issue a license to drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the applicant

(1) is at least 19 years of age, to operate in intrastate commerce, or at least 21 years of age, to operate in interstate commerce;

(2) has held a valid driver's license at least one year before the date of application or meets the experience qualifications established by the department;

(3) has successfully completed all required driving tests and written and physical examinations;

(4) either does not have a driver's license issued by another jurisdiction or surrenders all driver's licenses issued by other jurisdictions; and

(5) is domiciled in this state.

(b) In addition to the information required under AS 28.15.111, a commercial driver's license shall include information determined by the United States Secretary of Transportation to be appropriate to identify the licensee.

(c) A person who has been a state resident for 30 days or longer may not drive a commercial motor vehicle under the authority of a commercial driver's license issued by another jurisdiction.

(d) The licensing requirements of this section are in addition to the requirements imposed on a school bus driver under AS 28.15.046.

(e) The department shall disqualify a person for a period of 60 consecutive days, and shall reevaluate the person's application or license to drive a commercial motor vehicle, if the department determines that the person knowingly provided false information required under

(1) this section or AS 28.15 in an application to the department for a commercial driver's license; or

(2) AS 28.33.110 (c) in an application for employment.



Alaska Department of Administration

# Division of Motor Vehicles

## Commercial Drivers License

Type | Endorsements | Restrictions | Medical / Vision | Transferring a CDL

You must be domiciled in the State of Alaska in order to obtain or renew an Alaska CDL. (Domicile = ALASKA MUST be your true, fixed and permanent home, and principal residence to which you intend to return whenever you are absent.)

If you live in **RURAL** Alaska, please **CLICK HERE** for additional information.

**Transportation Worker Identification Credentials (TWIC)** are issued by the Department of Homeland Security and are not available through DMV.

- Commercial Driver Manual

### ORIGINAL ALASKA COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL)

**A background check is required if you wish to obtain a hazardous materials endorsement or renew a CDL with a hazardous materials endorsement.**

A commercial driver license (CDL) is required for a resident of Alaska who is driving a vehicle intrastate (19 & above) or interstate (21 & above) with a gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 26,001 pounds or more. If you will be driving a vehicle designed to carry 16 or more passengers, or transporting hazardous materials, regardless of the GVWR, a CDL is required. A commercial driver may have only one license and that license must be issued by their home state. Those exempted from the commercial driver licensing requirements include drivers of recreational, military and emergency vehicles. Farm vehicles are exempt if controlled and operated by a farmer, used to transport agricultural products or machinery to and from a farm, not used in for-hire or contract carrier operations, and if driven no further than 150 miles from the farm.

Your social security number is required to obtain a CDL. The commercial driver license fee is \$100.00. There is a \$25.00 non-refundable fee for those requiring a road test. Road test appointments may be scheduled in any State DMV office or using our Online Services. In the Municipality of Anchorage, commercial tests are administered by the Center for Employment Education (CEE). Call 279-8451 for an appointment. Outside the Municipality of Anchorage, please contact your local DMV, schedule your road test online or click [HERE](#) for additional 3rd Party Testers.

An applicant must be at least twenty-one years of age at the time of application and must have held a valid driver license for at least one year. For an intrastate license, the applicant must be at least nineteen years of age. An applicant must pass the road, vision and written test prior to issuance of the CDL. For further information about obtaining a commercial driver license, please address your questions to: E-mail [ALASKA DMV](mailto:ALASKA DMV)

### TRANSFERRING A CDL FROM ANOTHER STATE

Welcome to Alaska! Please be sure to obtain an Alaska license within 30 days of your arrival if you intend to make Alaska your home. If you do not have any intention of becoming a resident of Alaska (Seasonal worker, etc.) you must have a valid CDL from your home state in order to drive a Commercial Motor Vehicle in Alaska.

To transfer a CDL from another state to Alaska, you must:

- Complete an **Application for Commercial Driver License** (Form 415) and **Commercial Driver Medical & Self Certification Verification** (Form 413).
- Provide proof of the following: Date of birth, legal name, social security number and your physical address IN ALASKA.
- Surrender your valid license from another state. (Cannot be expired for over 1 year.)
- Pass the written "Rules of the Road" test to convert to an Alaska license. (20 questions)
- Pass the "Hazardous Materials" test if you have that endorsement and wish to keep it.

**Effective January 31, 2005, you are required to pass a background check in order to obtain or retain a hazardous materials endorsement.**

- Pass any knowledge tests for endorsements that you wish to add to your license and do not have on your current license. Some endorsements require a road test.
- Pass a vision test.
- Pay the \$100.00 fee for an ALASKA CDL.

Note: If your CDL from another state has been expired **over one year**, you must pass ALL written tests that apply to the type of license you wish to obtain. A road test is required if the license has been expired over five years.

**CDL MEDICAL CARD & VISION REQUIREMENTS**

Please see the following for information on CDL Medical Cards.

FMCSA New Medical Certification Requirements  
A Guide for Commercial Drivers License (CDL) Holders  
General Information and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Medical Report: DOT FORMS

Vision requirements to hold a CDL are 20/40 or better corrected in both eyes. If you do not meet the requirements, you *may* be eligible for a waiver for INTRASTATE, ONLY. See your eye doctor for a current vision test. If you cannot meet the vision requirements, you will need the results from your eye doctor before you can apply for a waiver. These are issued by the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Department of Transportation (DOT). Vision Waiver Application  
Federal Regulation is CFR 49 391.41 (10)

**TYPES OF COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE'S AND ENDORSEMENTS:**

- **Class A/CDL** - May operate a combination of a motor vehicle and one or more other vehicles with a GCWR of greater than 26,000 pounds where the combined GVWR of the vehicle or vehicles being towed is greater than 10,000 pounds; a holder of a Class A/CDL license may also operate a Class B/CDL, Class C/CDL, or Class D vehicle. (Examples: 18 wheelers, log trucks)
- **Class B/CDL** - May operate a motor vehicle with a GVWR of greater than 26,000 pounds, or a motor vehicle with a GVWR of greater than 26,000 pounds that is towing a vehicle with a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or less; a holder of a Class B/CDL license may also operate a Class C/CDL or Class D vehicle. (Examples: dump trucks, cement mixer, box trucks, motor coaches)
- **Class C/CDL** - May operate any single motor vehicle, or a combination of a motor vehicle and one or more other vehicles not meeting the definitions of Class A/CDL or B/CDL, but is either designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, or is placarded under hazardous materials regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart F, revised as of October 1, 2009; a holder of a Class C/CDL may also operate a Class D vehicle.

**ENDORSEMENTS**

You must have the appropriate endorsement on your CDL if you haul hazardous materials, pull double or triple trailers, or drive tank or passenger vehicles, or school buses.

- **Hazardous materials (H)**- Required for drivers of vehicles transporting hazardous materials requiring placards per the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act. A written test and Transportation Security Administration security threat assessment is required at each driver license renewal date. - Knowledge & Background Check (Background check - Effective 1/31/05)
- **Tank vehicles (N)** - Required for drivers of vehicles designed to transport liquids or gaseous materials within a tank that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, cargo tanks and portable tanks, as defined in hazardous materials regulations. This definition does not include portable tanks having a rated capacity under 1,000 gallons. - Knowledge
- **Passenger (P)** - Required for drivers of vehicles designed to carry 16 or more passengers including the driver. Both written and skills tests are required to obtain this endorsement. Knowledge & Skills (road test)
- **School bus (S)** - Required for drivers of vehicles transporting preprimary, primary or secondary school students from home to school, from school to home, or to and from school- sponsored events. Both written and skills tests are required to obtain this endorsement. Knowledge & Skills (road test)
- **Double/Triple (T)** - Required for drivers of vehicles pulling two or three trailers. (A dolly or load divider, sometimes referred to as a "jeep," is considered to be one trailer.) - Knowledge
- **Combination Tank/Hazardous material (X)** - Required for drivers of vehicles transporting tank vehicle used to transport placardable amounts of hazardous materials. - Knowledge & Background Check (Background check - Effective 1/31/05)

**RESTRICTIONS**

If you have restrictions on your CDL you must pass the appropriate tests to drive certain types of vehicles (Air brakes, manual transmissions) or to drive in certain areas.

- **L Restriction - Air Brakes** - The (L) restriction prohibits driving of vehicles with air brakes. The CDL will carry this restriction unless you pass an air brakes knowledge test and a skills test (Pre-trip Inspection and Road Test) in a vehicle equipped with air brakes.
- **M Restriction - Except Class A Bus** - The (M) restriction prohibits a driver with a passenger endorsement from operating a Class A bus if a Class A bus was not used for the skills test. A driver with a Class A CDL who also has a (P) endorsement will typically have the (M) restriction. Class A busses are not commonly found in the United States.
- **N Restriction - Except Class A and B Bus** - The (N) restriction restricts a CDL holder with the passenger endorsement from operating a Class A or B bus if a Class A or B bus was not used during their passenger endorsement skills test.
- **E Restriction** - Used to restrict applicant to class A and/or B automatic transmission vehicles (Not applicable to a C/CDL.) Skills test is required to remove this restriction
- **K Restriction** - Used to restrict an applicant to intrastate\* driving.
  - All applicants under the age of 21.
  - An applicant that is legally blind in one eye and has submitted a state waiver. Contact ADL before entering this restriction when the waiver is submitted.

\*Intrastate commerce means any trade, traffic, or transportation in any State which is not described in the term "interstate commerce".'

\*Interstate commerce (CFR 49 390.5) means trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States.

1. Between a place in a State and a place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States); or
  2. Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States; or
  3. Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation.
- **O Restriction** - Except tractor trailer. Restricts the operator from driving tractor-trailer vehicles. Use this restriction when the test vehicle is tow truck configuration or pickup and large trailer (over 10,000 GVWR). Do not use this restriction for dump trucks with belly dumps or pups. Knowledge and Skills test is required to remove this restriction
  - **V Restriction** - A Federal medical waiver and/or Skills Performance Evaluation (SPE) was required. Waiver or SPE is required to remove this restriction
  - **7 Restriction** - Off-Highway: Used in specific rural communities where road tests are not administered. Skills test is required to remove this restriction

**Federal Website (FMCSA)**

REV. 08/15/2012



**49 CFR Part 391.11 GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS OF DRIVERS.**

- (a) A person shall not drive a commercial motor vehicle unless he/she is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle. Except as provided in 391.63, a motor carrier shall not require or permit a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle unless that person is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle.
- (b) Except as provided in subpart G of this part, a person is qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle if he/she –
  - (1) Is at least 21 years old;
  - (2) Can read and speak the English language sufficiently to converse with the general public, to understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language, to respond to official inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records;
  - (3) Can, by reason of experience, training, or both, safely operate the type of commercial motor vehicle he/she drives;
  - (4) Is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with subpart E -- Physical Qualifications and Examinations of this part;
  - (5) Has a currently valid commercial motor vehicle operator's license issued only by one State or jurisdiction;
  - (6) Has prepared and furnished the motor carrier that employs him/her with the list of violations or the certificate as required by 391.27.
  - (7) Is not disqualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle under the rules in 391.15; and
  - (8) Has successfully completed a driver's road test and has been issued a certificate of driver's road test in accordance with 391.31, or has presented an operator's license or a certificate of road test which the motor carrier that employs him/her has accepted as equivalent to a road test in accordance with 391.33.

**Definition of "domicile":**

"domicile" means the true and permanent home of a person from which the person has no present intention of moving and to which the person intends to return whenever the person is away.

Both the Alaska and the CDL General Knowledge tests or equivalent are required to obtain a permit or license. A skills test may be required to add an endorsement or remove a restriction. Class A and IA require the combination knowledge test.

<b>FOR DIVISION USE ONLY (Scores valid for one year. Tests MUST be verified in STAR prior to issuance.)</b>															
For: <b>Original</b> <b>Renewal</b> <b>Duplicate</b> <b>Reinstate</b>				Type: <b>A</b> <b>B</b> <b>C</b> <b>M1</b> <b>M2</b> <b>IA</b> <b>IB</b> <b>IC</b> <b>ID</b>											
	<b>AK General Knowledge</b>	<b>CDL General Knowledge</b>	<b>Air Brakes (Req. for A)</b>	<b>Combination (Req. for A)</b>	<b>Double/ Triple Trailers</b>	<b>Hazardous Materials</b>	<b>Passenger</b>	<b>School Bus</b>	<b>Tank Vehicle</b>	<b>Motorcycle</b>	<b>Alcohol Awareness</b>				
<b>SCORE</b>															
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<b>AMVC</b>															
<b>BIRTH &amp; LEGAL NAME:</b> Alaska License or Permit Alaska State ID Card US Birth Certificate US or Canadian Passport <b>SSN PROOF:</b> SS Card SSA Letter				<b>NAME CHANGE PROOF:</b> Marriage Certificate Divorce Decree Court Order Certificate of Naturalization <b>PROOF OF RESIDENCE:</b> _____				<b>LICENSE CHECKS</b> Initial each after you have verified the information: ALVIN _____ CDLIS _____ PDPS _____ STAR _____ (Must attach copy of STAR print out for an original or when upgrading CDL.)			<b>VISION TEST RESULTS</b> A person who is blind in one eye must submit a vision waiver to obtain an Intrastate CDL. Without: Left _____ Right _____ With: Left _____ Right _____ If the applicant passed the test with corrective lenses, a restriction 1 is required. Color Blind Test:    Pass    Fail    Medical Card				
<b>LICENSE / PERMIT / ID CARD:</b> Surrendered?    YES    NO Previous Number & State of Issue: _____ NEW Number Issued: _____						<b>PAYMENT TYPE:</b> <b>CA</b> <b>CC</b> <b>CK</b> FEE AMOUNT: _____    BATCH #: _____ DONATION AMT: _____    BATCH DATE: _____ TOTAL: _____    PROCESSED BY: AMVC _____									

STATE OF ALASKA  
DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

**COMMERCIAL DRIVER MEDICAL & SELF CERTIFYING VERIFICATION**

**THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL BY THE APPLICANT. MUST BE COMPLETED IN BLACK OR BLUE INK.**

CURRENT LEGAL NAME (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST, SUFFIX)				DATE OF BIRTH	
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER*	DRIVERS LICENSE NUMBER	STATE OF ISSUE	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	EYE COLOR

\*MANDATORY DISCLOSURE REQUIRED BY AS 28.33.100. USED FOR IDENTIFICATION ONLY. RELEASED ONLY TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX FOR THE TYPE OF OPERATION THAT APPLIES TO YOU. SEE THE BACK OF THIS FORM FOR GUIDANCE AND DEFINITIONS:**

- NON-EXCEPTED INTERSTATE (NI)** A type of operation that does not fall under the excepted types of operation  
(Current medical certificate required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in interstate commerce.
- NON-EXCEPTED INTRASTATE (NA)** A type of operation that does not fall under the excepted types of operation  
(Current medical certificate required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in intrastate commerce.
- EXCEPTED INTERSTATE (EI)** A type of operation that falls under the excepted types of operation  
(Medical certificate NOT required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in interstate commerce.
- EXCEPTED INTRASTATE (EA)** A type of operation that falls under the excepted types of operation  
(Medical certificate NOT required.) see (CDL medical handout) AND only operates in intrastate commerce.

**IF YOU HAVE SELECTED NON-EXCEPTED INTERSTATE OR NON-EXCEPTED INTRASTATE, YOU MUST PROVIDE A CURRENT MEDICAL CERTIFICATE TO THE DMV. DMV WILL RETAIN A COPY FOR OUR RECORDS.**

*I certify under penalty of law that all statements above are true and correct.*

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING THIS FORM:**

If you are applying for an original or renewal of your CDL, please take all required forms to your local DMV.

If your CDL is current, you may submit the form along with any other documents that apply to you (Medical Examiner's Certificate, State or Federal Waiver, Skills Performance Evaluation) in the following manner:

- Mail to the address listed below;
- Scan and email to [doa.dmv.adl@alaska.gov](mailto:doa.dmv.adl@alaska.gov);
- Deliver to your local State DMV Office. A list of office locations and hours can be found on our website.

Your medical information will be updated in our system within 10 calendar days from the date of receipt.

Anchorage Driver Licensing  
1300 W. Benson Blvd, Ste. 100  
Anchorage, AK 99503

## CDL Medical & Self Certifying Verification Guide

**SPECIAL NOTE:** By selecting an INTRASTATE operation type, you are subject to the K restriction on your CDL. Only select INTRASTATE if you do not meet the Federal requirements for a CDL (under 21 or blind in one eye).

There are two differences between excepted and non excepted types of operation. The excepted types of operation are defined in 49 CFR 390.3 (f).

If you are any of these types of operation and you do NOT have a medical examiners certificate or medical waiver, you will want to self certify to either excepted interstate or excepted intrastate.

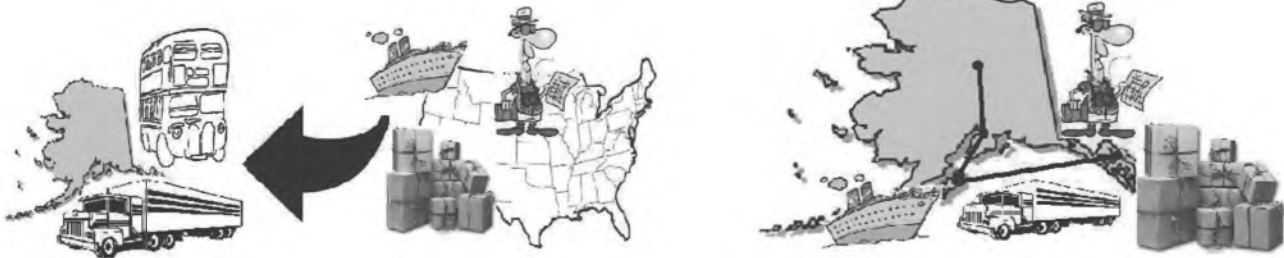
- Custom Farm Operations
- Bee Keepers
- Federal, State, Municipal or Borough transportation and/or operation
- Occasional transport of personal property
- Transportation of human corpses or sick/injured persons
- Fire trucks and rescue vehicles
- CMVs used to transport between 9 and 15 passengers, including the driver
- CMVs used primarily in transportation of propane winter heating fuel
- Driver of migrant workers

If you operate a CMV in anyway outside of the excepted types of operation or you have a valid medical examiners certificate, you are considered non-excepted.

### Difference between interstate and intrastate

**Interstate** = If the vehicle or load (may be goods or passengers) originates in one state and is transported to or through another state, the operation would be considered "interstate commerce".

**Intrastate** = If the vehicle or load (may be goods or passengers) originates in Alaska and the operator does not transport the vehicle or load outside of Alaska, it is considered "intrastate commerce"



If you have any questions regarding the self certification types or the requirements, please contact Anchorage Driver Licensing for assistance prior to submitting the form.

### DEFINITIONS

**INTERSTATE COMMERCE** means trade, traffic, or transportation in the United States—

- (1) Between a place in a State and a place outside of such State (including a place outside of the United States);
- (2) Between two places in a State through another State or a place outside of the United States; or
- (3) Between two places in a State as part of trade, traffic, or transportation originating or terminating outside the State or the United States.

Example: If the vehicle or load originates in one state and is transported to or through another state, the operation would be considered "interstate commerce".

**INTRASTATE COMMERCE** means any trade, traffic, or transportation in any State which is not described in the term "interstate commerce".

Example: If the vehicle or load originates in one state and operator does not transport the vehicle or load outside of the original state, it is considered "intrastate commerce".

**COMMERCE** means (a) any trade, traffic or transportation within the jurisdiction of the United States between a place in a State and a place outside of such State, including a place outside of the United States and (b) trade, traffic, and transportation in the United States which affects any trade, traffic, and transportation described in paragraph (a) of this definition.

### 383.71 DRIVER APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES.

**NON- EXCEPTED INTERSTATE.** A person must certify that he or she operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, is both subject to and meets the qualification requirements under 49 CFR part 391, and is required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate by 391.45 of this chapter.

**EXCEPTED INTERSTATE.** A person must certify that he or she operates or expects to operate in interstate commerce, but engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted under 49 CFR 390.3(f), 391.2, 391.68 or 398.3 from all parts of the qualification requirements of 49 CFR part 391, and is therefore not required to obtain a medical examiner's certificate by 49 CFR 391.45 of this chapter.

**NON-EXCEPTED INTRASTATE.** A person must certify that he or she operates in intrastate commerce and therefore is subject to State driver qualification requirements.

**EXCEPTED INTRASTATE.** A person must certify that he or she operates in intrastate commerce, but engages exclusively in transportation or operations excepted from all or parts of the State driver qualification requirements.



Overview

## Military CDL Skills Test Waiver Forms



### Company Registration

- Registration Overview
- What is a HM Safety Permit?
- What is a USDOT Number?
- What is Operating Authority?
- Registration Steps
- What Forms Do I need?
- Licensing & Insurance Requirements
- New Company Requirements (New Entrant Program)

### How to Register

- Online Registration
- Download Registration Forms

### Find a Company's Status

- By USDOT Number/Name
- By Operating Authority

### Driver Registration

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program
- CDL - Medical Certification Requirements
- CDL - Medical Certification Requirements (FAQs)

In May, 2011, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration finalized the Commercial Learner's Permit rule. Within that rule is a provision that gives State Driver Licensing Agencies (SDLA) the authority to substitute two years of CMV safe driving experience in military equivalents of commercial motor vehicles, for the skills test portion of the commercial driver license skills test.

The regulation, 49 CFR 383.77, provides guidance for SDLAs which requires the applicant to certify: 1) his/ her safe driving experience; 2) that he or she has not held more than one license (except a military DL) in the past two years; 3) has not had his/her base State issued driver license suspended, revoked or cancelled; and, 3) has not had convictions in any type of motor vehicle for the disqualifying CDL offenses listed elsewhere in the regulations. There are also other requirements that States must recognize in order to take advantage of this Skills Test Waiver, but the process allows States to assist veterans and active duty personnel in their transition from their military occupation to a civilian career. As more and more of our military troops return home from active duty, the Department of Transportation and FMCSA have joined with the Departments of Defense, Labor and Veterans Affairs to ease this process.

FMCSA, in collaboration with the US Army, Department of Defense and the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, has generated a standardized *Application for Military Skills Test Waiver form*. This document addresses all of the issues captured in the new regulation including which violations can deny the waiver; identifying the specific type(s) of vehicle which the service member was licensed to drive; and, an endorsement by the service member's commanding officer of the safe driving record. For a list of the States which currently offer the skills test waiver for military drivers see the map."

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#### § 383.77 Substitute for driving skills tests for drivers with military CMV experience.

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At the discretion of a State, the driving skills test as specified in §383.113 may be waived for a CMV driver with military CMV experience who is currently licensed at the time of his/her application for a CDL, and substituted with an applicant's driving record in combination with certain driving experience. The State shall impose conditions and limitations to restrict the applicants from whom a State may accept alternative requirements for the skills test described in §383.113. Such conditions must require at least the following:

- (a) An applicant must certify that, during the two-year period immediately prior to applying for a CDL, he/she:
- (1) Has not had more than one license (except for a military license);
  - (2) Has not had any license suspended, revoked, or cancelled;
  - (3) Has not had any convictions for any type of motor vehicle for the disqualifying offenses contained in §383.51(b);
  - (4) Has not had more than one conviction for any type of motor vehicle for serious traffic violations contained in §383.51(c); and
  - (5) Has not had had any conviction for a violation of military, State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with any traffic accident, and has no record of an accident in which he/she was at fault; and
- (b) An applicant must provide evidence and certify that he/she:
- (1) Is regularly employed or was regularly employed within the last 90 days in a military position requiring operation of a CMV;
  - (2) Was exempted from the CDL requirements in §383.3(c); and
  - (3) Was operating a vehicle representative of the CMV the driver applicant operates or expects to operate, for at least the 2 years immediately preceding discharge from the military.

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- § 383.113 Required skills.**
- (a) **Pre-trip vehicle inspection skills.** Applicants for a CDL must possess the following basic pre-trip vehicle inspection skills for the vehicle class that the driver operates or expects to operate:
- (1) **All test vehicles.** Applicants must be able to identify each safety-related part on the vehicle and explain what needs to be inspected to ensure a safe operating condition of each part, including:
- (i) Engine compartment;
  - (ii) Cab/engine start;
  - (iii) Steering;
  - (iv) Suspension;
  - (v) Brakes;
  - (vi) Wheels;
  - (vii) Side of vehicle;
  - (viii) Rear of vehicle; and
  - (ix) Special features of tractor trailer, school bus, or coach/transit bus, if this type of vehicle is being used for the test.
- (2) **Air brake equipped test vehicles.** Applicants must demonstrate the following skills with respect to inspection and operation of air brakes:
- (i) Locate and verbally identify air brake operating controls and monitoring devices;
  - (ii) Determine the motor vehicle's brake system condition for proper adjustments and that air system connections between motor vehicles have been properly made and secured;
  - (iii) Inspect the low pressure warning device(s) to ensure that they will activate in emergency situations;
  - (iv) With the engine running, make sure that the system maintains an adequate supply of compressed air;
  - (v) Determine that required minimum air pressure build up time is within acceptable limits and that required alarms and emergency devices automatically deactivate at the proper pressure level; and
  - (vi) Operationally check the brake system for proper performance.
- (b) **Basic vehicle control skills.** All applicants for a CDL must possess and demonstrate the following basic motor vehicle control skills for the vehicle class that the driver operates or expects to operate.
- (1) Ability to start, warm up, and shut down the engine;
  - (2) Ability to put the motor vehicle in motion and accelerate smoothly, forward and backward;
  - (3) Ability to bring the motor vehicle to a smooth stop;
  - (4) Ability to back the motor vehicle in a straight line, and check path and clearance while backing;
  - (5) Ability to position the motor vehicle to negotiate safely and then make left and right turns;
  - (6) Ability to shift as required and select appropriate gear for speed and highway conditions; and
  - (7) Ability to back along a curved path.
- (c) **Safe on-road driving skills.** All applicants for a CDL must possess and demonstrate the following safe on-road driving skills for their vehicle class:
- (1) Ability to use proper visual search methods;
  - (2) Ability to signal appropriately when changing direction in traffic;
  - (3) Ability to adjust speed to the configuration and condition of the roadway, weather and visibility conditions, traffic conditions, and motor vehicle, cargo and driver conditions;
  - (4) Ability to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles, as well as for crossing or entering traffic;
  - (5) Ability to position the motor vehicle correctly before and during a turn to prevent other vehicles from passing on the wrong side, as well as to prevent problems caused by off-tracking;
  - (6) Ability to maintain a safe following distance depending on the condition of the road, visibility, and vehicle weight;

- (7) Ability to adjust operation of the motor vehicle to prevailing weather conditions including speed selection, braking, direction changes, and following distance to maintain control; and
  - (8) Ability to observe the road and the behavior of other motor vehicles, particularly before changing speed and direction.
  - (d) **Test area** . Skills tests shall be conducted in on-street conditions or under a combination of on-street and off-street conditions.
  - (e) **Simulation technology**. A State may utilize simulators to perform skills testing, but under no circumstances as a substitute for the required testing in on-street conditions.
- [76 FR 26889, May 9, 2011]



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# APPLICATION FOR MILITARY SKILLS TEST WAIVER

The Commercial Driver License (CDL) skills test waiver form may be used by service members who are currently licensed and who are or were employed within the last 90 days in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle equivalent to a Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV). This waiver allows a qualified service member to apply for a CDL without skills testing. CDL knowledge (written) test(s) cannot be waived. **The transfer of School Bus(S) and/or Passenger (P) endorsements under this Waiver Program are prohibited.**

## APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME (Last, First, Middle)		STATE /DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER (required)		APPLICATION DATE	
RESIDENCE ADDRESS (STREET)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	
MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT)	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY	

## DRIVER RECORD CERTIFICATION

**During the 2-year period immediately preceding this date:**

- Have you had more than one license (except for a military license)? .....  YES  NO
- Has your license been suspended, revoked, cancelled or disqualified in this or any state? .....  YES  NO

**Have you been convicted of any violations described below in any type of motor vehicle?**

- Being under the influence of alcohol as prescribed by state law .....  YES  NO
- Being under the influence of a controlled substance .....  YES  NO
- Having an alcohol concentration of 0.04 or greater while operating a CMV .....  YES  NO
- Refusing to take an alcohol test as required by a State jurisdiction under its implied consent laws or regulations as defined in 49 CFR 383.72 .....  YES  NO
- Leaving the scene of an accident .....  YES  NO
- Using the vehicle to commit a felony (other than manufacturing, distributing or dispensing a controlled substance) .....  YES  NO
- Driving a CMV while your CDL is revoked, suspended, cancelled; or you are disqualified from operating a CMV .....  YES  NO
- Causing a fatality through the negligent operation of a CMV (including motor vehicle manslaughter, homicide by motor vehicle, or negligent homicide) .....  YES  NO
- Using the vehicle in the commission of a felony involving manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing a controlled substance .....  YES  NO

**Have you had more than one conviction for any of the violations described below in any type of motor vehicle?**

- Speeding in excess of 15 mph or more above the posted speed limit .....  YES  NO
- Driving recklessly, as defined by State or local law or regulation (including offenses of driving a motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property) .....  YES  NO
- Making improper or erratic lane changes .....  YES  NO
- Following the vehicle ahead too closely .....  YES  NO
- Violating State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with a fatal accident .....  YES  NO
- Driving a CMV without obtaining a CDL .....  YES  NO
- Driving a CMV without a CDL in the driver's possession .....  YES  NO
- Driving a CMV without the proper class of CDL and/or endorsements for a specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported .....  YES  NO
- Violating a State or local law or ordinance on motor vehicle traffic control prohibiting texting while driving .....  YES  NO
- Violating a State or local law or ordinance on motor vehicle traffic control restricting or prohibiting the use of a hand held mobile telephone while driving .....  YES  NO

**Have you had any conviction for a violation of military, state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than parking violation) arising in connection with any traffic accident and have no record of an accident in which you were at fault?** .....  YES  NO

## CERTIFICATION OF DRIVING EXPERIENCE

- Have you been regularly employed or were you regularly employed within the last 90 days in a military position requiring the operation of a military motor vehicle that was representative of a commercial motor vehicle (CMV)? .....  YES  NO
- Were you exempted from the CDL licensing requirements for driving a military vehicle on state roads and highways in accordance with 49 CFR §383.3 (c)? .....  YES  NO
- Have you operated a military motor vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle (CMV) that you operate or expect to operate, for at least the 2 years immediately preceding discharge from the military? .....  YES  NO




**I certify under penalty of perjury that the information on this form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.**

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE	DATE
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**COMMANDING OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION OF COMMERCIAL DRIVING EXPERIENCE**

COMMANDING OFFICER'S NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)		TELEPHONE NUMBER	
STREET ADDRESS			
CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	COUNTY
SERVICE MEMBER'S DATE OF QUALIFICATION: FROM		TO	
SERVICE MEMBER'S NAME			EXPIRATION DATE (US Gov't Motor Vehicle Operator Identification Card / License)

**Circle the highest class of vehicles the service member has been driving:**

Class	Vehicle Description	EXAMPLE OF VEHICLES IN GROUP
<b>A</b>	<p><b>* 5<sup>th</sup> WHEEL - Truck Tractor/Semitrailer</b></p> <p>Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is <b>in excess</b> of 10,000 pounds.</p>	
<b>A</b>	<p><b>* PINTLE HOOK - Truck Trailer Combination</b></p> <p>Any combination of vehicles with a GCWR of 26,001 or more pounds provided the GVWR of the vehicle(s) being towed is <b>in excess</b> of 10,000 pounds.</p>	
<b>B</b>	<p>Any single vehicle with a GVWR of 26,001 or more pounds or any such vehicle towing a vehicle <b>not</b> in excess of 10,000 pounds GVWR.</p>	

The vehicle the service member operates is equipped with a full air brake system:  YES  NO

The vehicle the service member operates is equipped with an air-over-hydraulic braking system:  YES  NO

The transmission in the vehicle the service member operates is:  AUTOMATIC  MANUAL

*I certify that the service member named on the front of this document is/was assigned in a job/assignment requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle, the service member's driving experience has been verified; and the information provided herein is true and correct to my knowledge, information and belief. I also certify that I am an officer of the Armed Forces with the authority to administer oaths; and who has the general powers of a notary public.*

PRINT COMMANDING OFFICER'S NAME/RANK	DATE
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SIGNATURE	DATE
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February 6, 2013

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Alaska State House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 104,  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Representative Saddler,

On behalf of the Department of Defense, we want to thank you for your sponsorship of House Bill 46. This effort will greatly aid separating Service members who move back to Alaska upon military separation or retirement with gaining occupation licensing in the critical field of commercial truck driving when they transition to civilian life.

The issue of aiding our new veterans in employment transition is one of our top priorities for 2013 and one of the key elements of the Veterans Employment Initiative of the current Administration. The policy as currently represented in House Bill 46 will enable Alaska to join 44 other states also providing this kind of help to our separating Service members; and since Alaska had 1,231 Service members move back to the state in Fiscal Year 2012, the occupational licensing help your policy change provides will have a significant personal impact for many of those heroes in the trucking career field.

Aided by your leadership in the House, the Alaska legislature has been a champion in addressing a number of key military family issues for the past six years. We intend to provide as much information and support as possible as this policy initiative moves forward in upcoming hearings. However, if you have any questions or need further assistance, please contact me at (571) 309-4622, pr at [mark.sansouci@osd.mil](mailto:mark.sansouci@osd.mil).

With Alaska's continued dedication to our military, our Service members can complete their missions, overseas and at home, knowing that you are taking care of their families.

Sincerely,

Mark San Souci

Regional Liaison Northwest  
Department of Defense State Liaison Office



February 11, 2013

Rep. Dan Saddler  
State Capitol Room 104  
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Rep. Dan Saddler,

As the largest tour operator in the State of Alaska, we would like to voice our support for the passage of HB46. Holland America Princess (HAP Alaska/Yukon) employs nearly 400 motorcoach drivers. We rely on this cadre of trained and skilled drivers as an essential part of delivering the visitor experience. However, finding skilled drivers can be a challenge, especially due to the seasonality of the tourist season in Alaska. Passage of HB46 would expand the pool of eligible drivers and ease the burden of testing for those with certain military commercial motor vehicle experience.

Both Holland America Line and Princess Cruises have a long history of supporting those in uniform – from recruiting at veteran and military job fairs, to our hiring practices, to providing donations during the holidays, to employees volunteering at military appreciation events. Last fall, HAP Alaska was recognized by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESRG) and Stand Down (an event organized by the Veterans Administration) for their support of active, reserve, and retired military.

Alaska tops the list as having a veteran population of 14 percent - nearly double that of the rest of the nation, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. HB46 supports the efforts of community members who work to develop and promote a culture of support in the private sector. This bill along with the efforts of corporations to hire the military, are essential components to serving those who serve us at home and abroad.

Thank you for your time and for sponsoring this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce Bustamante".

Bruce Bustamante

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### HB 46 WAIVE CDL SKILLS TEST FOR CERTAIN VETERANS

House State Affairs Committee

8:00 am, February 12, 2013

Aves D. Thompson, Executive Director

Alaska Trucking Association

Thank you. Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, I am Aves Thompson, Executive Director of the Alaska Trucking Association. The Alaska Trucking Association is a state wide organization representing the interests of our nearly 200 member companies.

I am here today to testify in support of HB 46.

One of the pressing problems in our industry today is to find qualified drivers for the commercial vehicles that we use to deliver freight. As you all know, “if you got it, a truck brought it...” We spend a lot of time and effort recruiting and retaining good drivers. The regulatory bar has been raised in the past few years to further increase the professionalism of drivers in our industry. When someone says he or she is just a truck driver, they miss the mark completely. Truck driving is a profession that requires a great deal of in-depth knowledge of the regulations as well as driving skills to navigate a large rig through our



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highway system. Alaska has some of the best drivers in the nation. They become outstanding drivers through training, experience and their own enlightened self-interest because sometimes their driving skills can very well save their own lives or the lives of others.

As an industry, we welcome our returning veterans and appreciate this opportunity to do something to support them as well as to help ourselves. These men and women have had some of the best truck driving training available and will also have a good deal of recent hands on experience in driving big rigs. With the proper certifications as to a veteran's experience, we support waiving the skills test for the issuance of a Commercial Driver's License (CDL). A number of other states have similar programs for their veterans and we should do no less for our returning veterans.

As a veteran myself and on behalf of our membership, we are proud to support our veterans and to support HB46 and urge that you pass this bill out of committee with "do pass" recommendations. Thank you.



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Administrator Anne Ferro  
Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration  
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Dear Administrator Ferro:

I am writing today to urge you to take all appropriate action to help veterans obtain commercial driver licenses (CDL). Currently, veterans who have military driving experience and/or military CDLs must go through the training and testing that those without experience go through to obtain a Class A CDL. This represents a significant burden for veterans seeking employment.

I believe that helping veterans gain employment is a top priority. I was a lead cosponsor of the Veteran Employment Assistance Act of 2010, which included language that would have allowed veterans to use credentials gained in the military for civilian employment. While that bill was not enacted, in the last Congress I was also a cosponsor of the Veterans Opportunity to Work to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, which required a study to find ways in which the Department of Defense (DoD) can provide, within military training, licensing and credentialing accepted for civilian employment.

Under MAP - 21, FMCSA is required to undertake a study on making the transition to easier licensing and assess ways to relieve the burden of CDL licensing on veterans. I encourage your administration to work to promptly implement the compulsory sections and complete the required survey without delay. I am pleased to see actions taken by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration thus far to ease burdens on veterans and understand that making the transition from military CDLs to Class A CDLs is a priority for you. Please let me know if additional Congressional action would assist your efforts.

I also encourage FMCSA to work with DoD to help ease the transition for veterans between military licenses and civilian CDL licenses. Should you have any questions, please have your staff contact Jeremy Price (202-224-9306) of my staff.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator

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Air Force News Service (Washington, DC); Tuesday, January 15, 2013

**HEADLINE: DOD official lauds veterans commercial license effort**

Byline: Cheryl Pellerin

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Maryland has joined 33 other states in agreeing to waive the skills test for veterans and service members who have military training that would entitle them to a commercial driver's license, a senior Defense Department official said today.

Frank C. DiGiovanni, director of training, readiness and strategy in the office of the deputy assistant secretary of defense for readiness, joined Maryland Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown and officials from the Maryland Department of Transportation, veterans' organizations, and federal, state and local offices to announce two new services available to veterans through the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, or MVA.

"This initiative is extremely important for the Department of Defense," DiGiovanni said. "It sets a great benchmark and will greatly assist our veterans as they plan for their future."

Along with the departments of Labor, Transportation and Veterans Affairs, DOD is working with national credentialing agencies, states and other stakeholders to address the complex challenges of certification and licensure for veterans.

DOD's Credentialing and Licensing Task Force was established to help service members in high-demand fields gain industry-recognized, nationally portable credentials to increase their competitiveness in the private sector after separation from the military.

Most states require drivers to demonstrate their skills before issuing a commercial driver's license. Now, 34 states will waive the skills test, but not the written test, for eligible veterans and service members. More states are considering such a waiver, according to a DOD spokeswoman.

A provision of the commercial learner's permit rule gives state driver licensing agencies the authority to substitute two years of commercial motor vehicle safe-driving experience in the military equivalents of commercial motor vehicles for the skills-test portion of the commercial driver license.

The rule applies to active duty, Reserve, Guard and Coast Guard members, and veterans within 90 days of separation.

Starting this month, Maryland's MVA is offering a veteran indicator on driver's licenses and identification cards to help veterans identify themselves to access services and resources and is implementing a streamlined process for veterans to obtain commercial driver's licenses as allowed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

DiGiovanni said that in fiscal 2011, more than 63,000 service members had occupations whose skills involved driving trucks -- 28,247 on active duty and 35,080 in the Guard or Reserve.

"There are also tens of thousands of service members who are truck drivers as an additional duty," DiGiovanni said, "so this particular authorization is extremely important to the employability" of service members as they depart from the service."

Military truck drivers bring outstanding experience and training to the commercial trucking sector, he added.

"I had an opportunity to speak to a veterans group, and I asked them what [they] learned during their service to the military that would be useful in the private sector," DiGiovanni recalled.

The first thing they cite is leadership, he added, and then working as a team and making decisions in a very complex environment.

"So I think it's really important what these veterans bring to the table, particularly the commercial trucking sector," he said.

DiGiovanni closed his remarks by challenging the state of Maryland and veterans service organizations to continue to find ways to support our veterans.

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 24, 2013 3:19 PM  
**To:** Kim Skipper; Aaron Schroeder  
**Cc:** 'SanSouci, Mark CIV OSD PR'  
**Subject:** Thank You for HB 84

**Importance:** High

Kim and Aaron,

I saw this today, and thank you! I will be supporting both HB 46 and HB 84. Question: Please advise on strategy (if any) of including the military spouse endorsement language into HB 84. Also, Kim, can you tell me whether or when the military student identifier issue may make it as a bill? Thanks so much you guys! Mark

[http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get\\_bill.asp?session=28&bill=HB84](http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/get_bill.asp?session=28&bill=HB84)

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### HB 46 – Expected Witnesses to Testify

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Potential for other members of Alaska Trucking Association

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## REPRESENTATIVE DAN SADDLER

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Representative Bob Lynn, Chair  
House State Affairs Committee

**FROM:** Representative Dan Saddler

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dan Saddler".

**DATE:** January 31, 2013

**RE:** Scheduling HB 46, Waive CDL Skill Test for Certain Veterans

I respectfully request a hearing for HB 46, Waive CDL Skill Test for Certain Veterans, in the House State Affairs Committee. Attached you will find the required information.

If you need any additional information, please contact Kim Skipper at 465-6598

Thank you for your consideration.



## Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)

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**W**hy is employer support important? Almost half of our military force resides in the Reserve Component which is comprised of the National Guard and Reserve. The men and women who serve in the Reserve Component are unique in that they also have civilian employers. Support of America's employers and the employees they share with the nation ensures the viability of the all-volunteer force, and thus our national security.

**Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR)** is a Department of Defense agency that seeks to develop and promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees. It does so by *recognizing outstanding support, increasing awareness of the law, and resolving conflicts through mediation.*

**Who we help:** Employers and members of the National Guard and Reserve.

**What we do:** Staff and hundreds of volunteers within ESGR's 56 Field Committees throughout the U.S provide the following services:

**Information:** We inform and educate service members and their civilian employers regarding their rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). Statutory authority for USERRA resides with the Department of Labor, and ESGR serves as a neutral, free resource to employers and service members. Many of ESGR's resources are available at [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil).

### Employers:

**Regulations:** Find copies of the USERRA Statute, law reviews, the Federal Code of Regulations for USERRA Implementation, and even a non technical guide to understanding the law.

**Posters:** Employers are required to provide a notice of rights to persons entitled to the rights and benefits under USERRA. To meet this requirement, you can download free USERRA Notices for both federal and non-federal workplaces to display.

**Training:** Free online training helps you better understand USERRA.

**Briefs:** An ESGR volunteer can visit your workplace and provide USERRA briefings.

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### Service members:

*Resources:* ESGR provides military leave absence forms, sample letters, service policies, and tips to help you avoid employment challenges.

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### Employers:

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### Service members:

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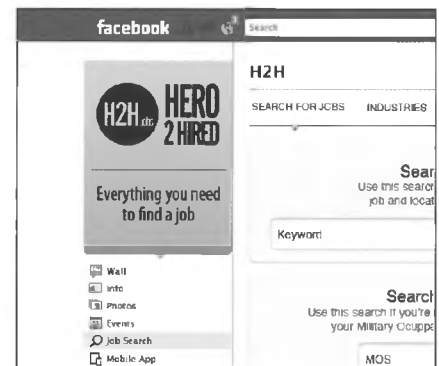
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