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1 AN ACT Relating to requirements for a commercial driver's license;
2 and amending RCW 46.25.060.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.25.060 and 1989 c 178 s 8 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) No person may be issued a commercial driver's license unless
7 that person is a resident of this state and has passed a knowledge and
8 skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle that complies with
9 minimum federal standards established by federal regulation enumerated
10 in 49 C.F.R. part 383, subparts G and H, and has satisfied all other
11 requirements of the CMVSA in addition to other requirements imposed by
12 state law or federal regulation. Additionally, applicants must be able
13 to show that they can read and speak the English language sufficiently
14 to converse with the general public, to understand highway traffic
15 signs and signals in the English language, to respond to official
16 inquiries, and to make entries on reports and records. The tests must
17 be prescribed and conducted by the department. In addition to the fee
18 charged for issuance or renewal of any license, the applicant shall pay
19 a fee of no more than ten dollars for each classified knowledge

1 examination, classified endorsement knowledge examination, or any
2 combination of classified license and endorsement knowledge
3 examinations. The applicant shall pay a fee of no more than fifty
4 dollars for each classified skill examination or combination of
5 classified skill examinations conducted by the department.

6 (b) The department may authorize a person, including an agency of
7 this or another state, an employer, a private driver training facility,
8 or other private institution, or a department, agency, or
9 instrumentality of local government, to administer the skills test
10 specified by this section under the following conditions:

11 (i) The test is the same which would otherwise be administered by
12 the state;

13 (ii) The third party has entered into an agreement with the state
14 that complies with the requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 383.75; and

15 (iii) The director has adopted rules as to the third party testing
16 program and the development and justification for fees charged by any
17 third party.

18 (2) The department may waive the skills test specified in this
19 section for a commercial driver's license applicant who meets the
20 requirements of 49 C.F.R. part 383.77.

21 (3) A commercial driver's license or commercial driver's
22 instruction permit may not be issued to a person while the person is
23 subject to a disqualification from driving a commercial motor vehicle,
24 or while the person's driver's license is suspended, revoked, or
25 canceled in any state, nor may a commercial driver's license be issued
26 to a person who has a commercial driver's license issued by any other
27 state unless the person first surrenders all such licenses, which must
28 be returned to the issuing state for cancellation.

29 (4)(a) A commercial driver's instruction permit may be issued to an
30 individual who holds a valid automobile or classified driver's license.

31 (b) A commercial driver's instruction permit may not be issued for
32 a period to exceed six months. Only one renewal or reissuance may be
33 granted within a two-year period. The holder of a commercial driver's
34 instruction permit may drive a commercial motor vehicle on a highway
35 only when accompanied by the holder of a commercial driver's license
36 valid for the type of vehicle driven who occupies a seat beside the
37 individual for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the
38 commercial motor vehicle. An application for a commercial driver's
39 instruction permit shall be accompanied by a fee of five dollars. The

1 department shall forthwith transmit the fees collected for commercial
2 driver's instruction permits to the state treasurer.

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