



Senate

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 334

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The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. HASKELL of the 26th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT MAKING THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE KNOWLEDGE TEST AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN INCARCERATED PERSONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2022*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "disqualification" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1 of
3 the general statutes.

4 (b) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Correction
5 shall make suitable space and technology, as necessary, available for the
6 administration of the commercial driver's license knowledge test to
7 incarcerated persons who will be reentering the community in six
8 months or less and who are not subject to disqualification from driving
9 a commercial motor vehicle or subject to suspension, revocation or
10 cancellation of operating privileges in any state.

11 (c) Not later than January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Motor
12 Vehicles shall assign personnel and provide other resources, as

13 necessary, to administer the commercial driver's license knowledge test
14 in a written or electronic manner in any institution or facility of the
15 Department of Correction deemed appropriate by the Commissioners
16 of Motor Vehicles and Correction.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2022</i>	New section

TRA *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 23 \$	FY 24 \$
Motor Vehicle Dept.	TF - Cost	Up to 20,000	Up to 20,000

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to assign personnel and provide other resources as appropriate to administer the commercial driver's license (CDL) knowledge test in Department of Correction (DOC) facilities, resulting in a cost to DMV of up to \$20,000 annually. The actual cost would be dependent on decisions to be made by DOC and DMV.

Additionally, the bill requires DOC to make space and technology available for the administration of the CDL knowledge test to certain incarcerated people, as described in the bill, and does not result in a fiscal impact to DOC.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation and the number and manner of tests administered.

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 334*****AN ACT MAKING THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE KNOWLEDGE TEST AVAILABLE TO CERTAIN INCARCERATED PERSONS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill requires the Correction and Motor Vehicles departments (DOC and DMV) to take certain actions to make the commercial driver's license knowledge test available to incarcerated individuals who are (1) reentering the community within six months; (2) not subject to "disqualification" from driving a commercial vehicle; and (3) not subject to driving privilege suspension, revocation, or cancellation in any state.

Specifically, it requires the DOC commissioner to make available, as necessary, suitable space and technology to administer the test to these individuals. It also requires the DMV commissioner to assign personnel and provide other resources, as necessary, to administer the test in writing or electronically at corrections facilities that the DOC and DMV commissioners deem appropriate.

Under the bill, "disqualification" means the withdrawal of the privilege of driving a commercial vehicle due to (1) operating privilege suspension, revocation, or cancellation; (2) a determination that a person is no longer qualified to drive a commercial vehicle under federal standards; or (3) specified convictions or administrative actions (e.g., driving under the influence and using a motor vehicle in the commission of a felony).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2022

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 35 Nay 0 (03/24/2022)