
DIGEST

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HB 221 Reengrossed

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Pierre

Abstract: Requires a record check of certain commercial driver's license applicants.

Present law requires the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections (DPS&C) to initiate and complete a review of the applicant's driving record to check for any disqualifications, suspensions, revocations, or cancellations and that the driver is not licensed in more than one state.

Present law requires the record review of the commercial driver's license (CDL) to include:

- (1) A check of the applicant's driving record maintained by his current state licensure and a check of any state where the applicant was licensed to operate any motor vehicle in the last 10 years.
- (2) A check with the Commercial Driver's License Information System to determine whether the applicant has a CDL and whether the CDL has been suspended, revoked, or canceled, or if the applicant has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle.
- (3) A check with the National Driver Register, if determined to be operational by the Federal Highway Administrator, to determine if the applicant has been disqualified from operating a motor vehicle, has had a license other than a CDL suspended, revoked, or canceled for cause in the three years proceeding the date of application, or has been convicted of any federal offenses.

Present law authorizes the DPS&C to perform similar record checks for all applicants of a Class "D" chauffeur's license or a Class "E" personal vehicle license. Prohibits the DPS&C from issuing a driver's license to an applicant who is disqualified from operating a motor vehicle, whose driver's license has been suspended, revoked, or canceled, or who has lost driving privileges in another state or jurisdiction.

Proposed law retains present law and requires, beginning on or after Jan. 6, 2023, the record review of a CDL to include the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse, on all applicants for the transfer, issuance, renewal, or upgrade of a CDL.

Proposed law retains present law and requires, beginning on or after Feb. 7, 2022, the record review of a CDL to include the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Training Provider Registry to determine training compliance before issuing a skills test, on initial CDL issuance, on any CDL class upgrade, and on any issuance of a passenger, school bus, or hazardous materials endorsement.

(Adds R.S. 32:409.1(A)(6)(d) and (e))

The House Floor Amendments to the engrossed bill:

1. Make a technical change.