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HOUSE BILL NO. 380

BY REPRESENTATIVE LAMBERT

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MTR VEHICLE/COMMERCIAL: Provides relative to the disqualification of commercial motor vehicle drivers

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 32:414.2(A)(2)(c)(i) and (ii) and (4)(a)(i) and (ii), relative to
3 commercial motor vehicle driver's and learner's permit holders; to provide for
4 disqualification under certain circumstances for certain alcohol and drug driving
5 offenses; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 32:414.2(A)(2)(c)(i) and (ii) and (4)(a)(i) and (ii) are hereby
8 amended and reenacted to read as follows:

9 §414.2. Commercial motor vehicle drivers and drivers with a commercial learner's
10 permit; disqualification; issuance of Class "D" or "E" license; alcohol content
11 in breath and blood; implied consent

12 A.

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14 (2) Any person shall be disqualified for life from operating a commercial
15 motor vehicle for:

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17 (c)(i) ~~Conviction of a~~ A second reported submission to a chemical test in
18 connection with an arrest for the offense of operating under the influence of alcohol,
19 operating with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more, or operating while
20 under the influence of a controlled substance while operating a commercial motor

1 vehicle or noncommercial motor vehicle by a commercial driver's license holder. A
2 disqualification pursuant to this Item for which a timely administrative hearing
3 request has not been received or a disqualification pursuant to this Item which has
4 been affirmed after an administrative hearing shall be considered a conviction for
5 purposes of compliance with federal motor carrier rules.

6 (ii) ~~Conviction of a second offense~~ A second reported submission to a
7 chemical test by a commercial driver's license holder in connection with an
8 investigation of driving under the influence of alcohol with an alcohol concentration
9 of at least 0.04 percent but under an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent while
10 operating a commercial motor vehicle. A disqualification pursuant to this Item for
11 which a timely administrative hearing request has not been received or a
12 disqualification pursuant to this Item which has been affirmed after an administrative
13 hearing shall be considered a conviction for purposes of compliance with federal
14 motor carrier rules.

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16 (4) Except as provided in Subparagraph ~~(A)~~(2)(a) of this Subsection for
17 lifetime disqualification, and in Paragraph ~~(A)~~(3) of this Subsection for three years
18 disqualification for offenses committed while transporting hazardous materials, any
19 person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a
20 minimum period of one year for:

21 (a)(i) A first ~~conviction~~ reported submission to a chemical test in connection
22 with an arrest of a commercial driver's license holder, while operating a commercial
23 motor vehicle or a noncommercial motor vehicle, of operating under the influence
24 of alcohol, operating with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more, or
25 operating under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance. A disqualification
26 pursuant to this Item for which a timely administrative hearing request has not been
27 received or a disqualification pursuant to this Item which has been affirmed after an
28 administrative hearing shall be considered a conviction for purposes of compliance
29 with federal motor carrier rules.

1 (ii) A first ~~conviction of~~ reported submission to a chemical test by a
2 commercial driver's license holder ~~of~~ in connection with an investigation of driving
3 under the influence of alcohol with an alcohol concentration of at least 0.04 percent
4 but under an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent while operating a commercial
5 motor vehicle. A disqualification pursuant to this Item for which a timely
6 administrative hearing request has not been received or a disqualification pursuant
7 to this Item which has been affirmed after an administrative hearing shall be
8 considered a conviction for purposes of compliance with federal motor carrier rules.

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DIGEST

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HB No. 380

Abstract: Provides relative to the disqualification of commercial motor vehicle drivers for certain alcohol- or drug-related driving offenses.

Present law provides any person shall be disqualified for life from operating a commercial motor vehicle upon conviction of a second offense of operating under the influence of alcohol, operating with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more, or operating while under the influence of a controlled substance while operating a commercial motor vehicle or noncommercial motor vehicle by a commercial driver's license holder.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the disqualification for life upon conviction of a second offense, instead to the second reported submission to a chemical test in connection with an arrest for the offenses in present law.

Proposed law provides that a disqualification for which a timely administrative hearing request has not been received or a disqualification which has been affirmed after an administrative hearing shall be considered a conviction for purposes of compliance with federal motor carrier rules.

Present law provides that a person shall be disqualified for life from operating a commercial motor vehicle upon conviction of a second offense of driving under the influence of alcohol with an alcohol concentration of at least 0.04 percent but under an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent while operating a commercial vehicle.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the disqualification for life upon conviction of a second offense, instead to a second reported submission to a chemical test by a commercial driver's license holder in connection with an investigation. Proposed law provides that such a disqualification for which a timely administrative hearing request has not been received or a disqualification which has been affirmed after an administrative hearing shall be considered a conviction for purposes of compliance with federal motor carrier rules.

Present law provides that a person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a minimum period of one year upon the first conviction of a commercial driver's license holder, while operating a commercial or noncommercial motor vehicle, of operating under the influence of alcohol, operating with an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent or more, or operating under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a minimum period of one year upon first conviction, instead to a first reported submission to a chemical test in connection with an arrest and provides that such disqualification for which a timely administrative hearing request has not been received, or a disqualification which has been affirmed after an administrative hearing, shall be considered a conviction for purposes of compliance with federal motor carrier rules.

Present law provides that a person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a minimum period of one year upon the first conviction of a commercial driver's license holder while operating a commercial motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol with an alcohol concentration of at least 0.04 percent but under an alcohol concentration of 0.08 percent.

Proposed law modifies present law by changing the disqualification from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a minimum period of one year upon first conviction, instead upon first reported submission to a chemical test in connection with an investigation and provides that such disqualification for which a timely administrative hearing request has not been received, or a disqualification which has been affirmed after an administrative hearing, shall be considered a conviction for purposes of compliance with federal motor carrier rules.

(Amends R.S. 32:414.2(A)(2)(c)(i) and (ii) and (4)(a)(i) and (ii))