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TITLE XII--COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY ACT OF 1986

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SEC. 12002. LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF DRIVER'S LICENSES.

Effective July 1, 1987, no person who operates a commercial motor vehicle shall at any time have more than one driver's license, except during the 10-day period beginning on the date such person is issued a driver's license and except whenever a State law enacted on or before June 1, 1986, requires such person to have more than one driver's license. The second exception in the preceding sentence shall not be effective after December 31, 1989.

SEC. 12003. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.

(a) Notification of Violations.--

(1) To states.--Effective July 1, 1987, each person who operates a commercial vehicle, who has a driver's license issued by a State, and who violates a State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) in any other State shall notify a State official designated by the State which issued such license of such violation, within 30 days after the date such person is found to have committed such violation.

(2) To employers.--Effective July 1, 1987, each person who operates a commercial vehicle, who has a driver's license issued by a State, and who violates a State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) shall notify his or her employer of such violation, within 30 days after the date such person is found to have committed such violation.

(b) Notification of Suspensions.--Effective July 1, 1987, each employee who has a driver's license suspended, revoked, or cancelled by a State, who loses the right to operate a commercial motor vehicle in a State for any period, or who is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for any period

shall notify his or her employer of such suspension, revocation, cancellation, lost right, or disqualification, within 30 days after the date of such suspension, revocation, cancellation, lost right, or disqualification.

(c) Notification of Previous Employment.--

(1) General rule.--Effective July 1, 1987, subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, each person who operates a commercial motor vehicle and applies for employment as an operator of a commercial motor vehicle with an employer shall notify at the time of such application the employer of his or her previous employment as an operator of a commercial motor vehicle.

(2) Period of previous employment.--The Secretary shall establish by regulation the period for which previous employment must be notified under paragraph (1), except that such period shall not be less than a 10-year period ending on the date of application for employment.

SEC. 12004. EMPLOYER RESPONSIBILITIES.

Effective July 1, 1987, no employer shall knowingly allow, permit, or authorize an employee to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the United States during any period--

(1) in which such employee has a driver's license suspended, revoked, or cancelled by a State, has lost the right to operate a commercial motor vehicle in a State, or has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle; or

(2) in which such employee has more than 1 driver's license, except during the 10-day period beginning on the date such employee is issued a driver's license and except whenever a State law enacted on or before June 1, 1986,

requires such employee to have more than one driver's license. The second exception in paragraph (2) shall not be effective after December 31, 1989.

SEC. 12005. TESTING OF OPERATORS.

- (a) Establishment of Minimum Federal Standards.--Not later than July 15, 1988, the Secretary shall issue regulations to establish minimum Federal standards for testing and ensuring the fitness of persons who operate commercial motor vehicles. Such regulations--
- (1) shall establish minimum Federal standards for written tests and driving tests of persons who operate such vehicles;
 - (2) shall require a driving test of each person who operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle in a vehicle which is representative of the type of vehicle such person operates or will operate;
 - (3) shall establish minimum Federal testing standards for operation of commercial motor vehicles and, if the Secretary considers appropriate to carry out the objectives of this title, may establish different minimum testing standards for different classes of commercial motor vehicles;
 - (4) shall ensure that each person taking such tests has a working knowledge of (A) regulations pertaining to safe operation of a commercial motor vehicle issued by the Secretary and contained in title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and (B) any safety system of such vehicle;
 - (5) in the case of a person who operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle carrying a hazardous material, shall ensure—
 - (A) that such person is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with all regulations pertaining to motor vehicle transportation of such material issued by the Secretary under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act; and
 - (B) that such person has a working knowledge of--
 - (i) such regulations,
 - (ii) handling of such material,
 - (iii) the operation of emergency equipment used in response to emergencies arising out of the transportation of such material, and
 - (iv) appropriate response procedures to be followed in such emergencies;
 - (6) shall establish minimum scores for passing such tests;
 - (7) shall ensure that each person taking such tests is qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle under the regulations issued by the Secretary and contained in title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations to the extent such regulations are applicable to such person; and
- (8) may require—
- (A) issuance of a certification of fitness to operate a commercial motor vehicle to each person who passes such tests; and
 - (B) such person to have a copy of such certification in his or her possession whenever such person is operating a commercial motor vehicle.
- (b) Requirement for Operation of CMV.--
- (1) General rule.--Except as provided under paragraph (2), no person may

operate a commercial motor vehicle unless such person has taken and passed a written and driving test to operate such vehicle which meets the minimum Federal standards established by the Secretary under subsection (a).

(2) Exception.--The Secretary may issue regulations which provide that a person—

(A) who passes a driving test for operation of a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with the minimum standards established under subsection (a), and

(B) who has a driver's license which is not suspended, revoked, or canceled, may operate such a vehicle for a period not to exceed 90 days.

(3) Effective date.--Paragraph (1) shall take effect on such date as the Secretary shall establish by regulation. Such date shall be as soon as practicable after the date of the enactment of this title but not later than April 1, 1992.

(c) Basic Grant Program.--

(1) Eligibility for fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989.--The Secretary may make a grant to a State in any of fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989--

(A) if the State enters into an agreement with the Secretary to develop a program for testing and ensuring the fitness of persons who operate commercial motor vehicles; and

(B) if the State has in effect and enforces in such fiscal year a law which provides that any person with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 percent or greater when operating a commercial motor vehicle is deemed to be driving while under the influence of alcohol.

(2) Eligibility after fiscal year 1989.--The Secretary may make a grant to a State in a fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1989--

(A) if the State enters into an agreement with the Secretary--

(i) to adopt and administer in such fiscal year a program for testing and ensuring the fitness of persons who operate commercial motor vehicles in accordance with all of the minimum Federal standards established by the Secretary under subsection (a); and

(ii) to require that operators of commercial motor vehicles have passed written and driving tests which comply with such minimum standards; and

(B) if the State has in effect and enforces in such fiscal year a law which provides that any person with a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10 percent or greater when operating a commercial motor vehicle is deemed to be driving while under the influence of alcohol.

(3) Administration of driving test.--A State--

(A) may administer driving tests referred to in paragraph (2) and section 12009(a); or

(B) may enter into an agreement, approved by the Secretary, to administer such tests with a person (including a department, agency or instrumentality of a local government) which meets such minimum standards as the Secretary shall establish by regulation--

(i) if the agreement allows the Secretary and the State each to conduct

random examinations, inspections, and audits of such testing without prior notification; and

(ii) if the State conducts at least annually one onsite inspection of such testing.

(4) Minimum amount of grant.--The Secretary shall determine the amount of grants in a fiscal year to be made under this subsection to a State eligible to receive such grants in the fiscal year; except that--

(A) such State shall not be granted less than \$100,000 under this subsection in the fiscal year; and

(B) to the extent that any States are granted more than \$100,000 per State in the fiscal year under this subsection, the Secretary shall ensure that such States are treated equitably.

(5) Limitation on use of funds.--

(A) In fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989.--A State receiving a grant under this subsection in fiscal year 1987, 1988, or 1989 may only use the funds provided under such grant for developing a program for testing and ensuring the fitness of persons who operate commercial motor vehicles.

(B) Thereafter.--A State receiving a grant under this subsection in any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1989, may only use the funds provided under such grant for testing operators of commercial motor vehicles.

(6) Development of testing program described.--For purposes of this subsection and subsection (d), development of a program for testing and ensuring the fitness of persons who operate commercial motor vehicles includes but is not limited to studies of the number of vehicles which will need to be tested under such program in a calendar year, studies of facilities at which testing of such persons could be conducted, and studies of additional resources (including personnel) which will be necessary to conduct such testing.

(7) Funding.--There shall be available to the Secretary to carry out this subsection \$5,000,000 from funds made available to carry out section 404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 for each of fiscal years 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, and 1991.

(d) Supplemental Grant Program.--

(1) Eligibility and purposes.--The Secretary may make in a fiscal year grants to States eligible to receive grants under subsection (c) in such fiscal year. A grant made under this subsection in fiscal year 1987, 1988, or 1989 shall be used for developing a program for testing and ensuring the fitness of persons who operate commercial motor vehicles. A grant made under this subsection in any fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1989, shall be used for testing operators of commercial motor vehicles.

(2) Distribution.--Funds granted under this subsection in a fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1989, shall be distributed among the States eligible to receive grants under subsection (c) in such fiscal year on the basis of the number of written and driving tests administered, and the number of drivers' licenses for operation of commercial motor vehicles, issued in the

preceding fiscal year.

(3) Funding.--There shall be available to the Secretary to carry out this subsection--

(A) \$3,000,000 from funds made available to carry out section 402 of title 23, United States Code, by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for each of fiscal years 1987, and 1988;

(B) \$3,000,000 from funds made available to carry out section 404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 for each of fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991.

(e) Limitations on Grant Programs.--

(1) Maintenance of effort.--The Secretary may not make a grant to any State under this section unless such State agrees that the aggregate expenditure of funds of the State and political subdivisions thereof, exclusive of Federal funds, for testing of operators of commercial motor vehicles will be maintained at a level which does not fall below the average level of such expenditure for its last two fiscal years preceding the date of the enactment of this title.

(2) Period of availability.--Funds made available to carry out this subsection shall remain available for obligation by the State for the fiscal year for which such funds are made available. Any of such funds not obligated before the last day of such period shall no longer be available for obligation by such State and shall be available to the Secretary for carrying out the purposes of this title. Funds made available pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

(3) Contract authority.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, approval by the Secretary of a grant to a State under this section shall be deemed to be a contractual obligation of the United States for payment of the amount of the grant.

SEC. 12006. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.

Not later than July 15, 1988, the Secretary, after consultation with the States, shall issue regulations establishing minimum uniform standards for the issuance of commercial drivers' licenses by the States and for information to be contained on such licenses. Such standards shall, at a minimum, require that--

(1) each person who is issued a commercial driver's license passes a written and driving test for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle which complies with the minimum Federal standards established by the Secretary under section 12005(a);

(2) the commercial drivers' licenses are, to the maximum extent practicable, tamper proof; and

(3) each commercial driver's license contain the following information:

(A) the name and address of the person to whom such license is issued and a physical description of such person;

- (B) the social security number or such other number or information as the Secretary determines appropriate to identify such person;
- (C) the class or type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles which such person is authorized to operate under such license;
- (D) the name of the State which issued such license; and
- (E) the dates between which such license is valid.

SEC. 12007. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE INFORMATION SYSTEM.

(a) **Deadline.**--Not later than January 1, 1989, the Secretary shall either enter into an agreement under subsection (b) for operation of, or establish under subsection (c), an information system which will serve as a clearinghouse and depository of information pertaining to the licensing and identification of operators of commercial motor vehicles and the disqualification of such operators from operating commercial motor vehicles. In carrying out this section, the Secretary consult the States.

(b) **Agreement for Use of Non-Federal System.**--

(1) **Review.**--Not later than January 1, 1988, the Secretary shall conduct a review of information systems utilized by 1 or more States pertaining to the driving status of operators of motor vehicles and other State-operated information systems for the purpose of determining whether or not any of such systems could be utilized to carry out this section.

(2) **Agreement.**--If the Secretary determines that one of the information systems reviewed under paragraph (1) could be utilized to carry out this section and the State or States utilizing such system agree to the use of such system for carrying out this section, the Secretary may enter into an agreement with such State or States for the use of such system in accordance with the provisions of this section and section 12009(c).

(3) **Terms of agreement.**--Any agreement entered into under this subsection shall contain such terms and conditions as the Secretary considers necessary to carry out the objectives of this title.

(c) **Establishment.**--If the Secretary does not enter into an agreement under subsection (b), the Secretary shall establish an information system pertaining to the driving status and licensing of operators of commercial motor vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this section.

(d) **Minimum Information.**--The information system under this section shall, at a minimum, include the following information concerning each operator of a commercial motor vehicle:

(1) Such information as the Secretary considers appropriate to ensure identification of such operator.

(2) The name and address of such operator and a physical description of such operator.

(3) The social security number of such operator or such other number or information as the Secretary determines appropriate to identify such operator.

(4) The name of the State which issued the driver's license to such operator.
(5) The dates between which such license is valid.

(6) Whether or not such operator has or has had a driver's license which authorized such person to operate a commercial motor vehicle suspended, revoked, or canceled by a State, has lost the right to operate a commercial motor vehicle in a State for any period, or has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(e) Availability of Information.--

(1) To state.--Upon request of a State, the Secretary or the operator of the information system, as the case may be, may make available to such State information in the information system under this section.

(2) To the employee.--Upon request of an employee, the Secretary or the operator of the information system, as the case may be, may make available to such employee information in the information system relating to such employee.

(3) To employer.--Upon request of an employer or prospective employer of an employee and after notification of such employee, the Secretary or the operator of the information system, as the case may be, may make available to such employer or prospective employer information in the information system relating to such employee.

(4) To the secretary.--Upon the request of the Secretary, the operator of the information system shall make available to the Secretary such information pertaining to the driving status and licensing of operators of commercial motor vehicles (including the information required by subsection (d)) as the Secretary may request.

(f) Collection of Fees.--If the Secretary establishes an information system under this section, the Secretary shall establish a fee system for utilization of the information system. The amount of fees collected pursuant to this subsection in any fiscal year shall as nearly as possible equal the costs of operating the information system in such fiscal year. The Secretary shall deposit fees collected under this subsection in the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account).

(g) Funding.--There shall be available to the Secretary to carry out this section not to exceed \$2,000,000 from funds made available to carry out section 402 of title 23, United States Code, by the National Highway Safety Traffic Administration for each of fiscal years 1987, 1988, and 1989. Such funds shall remain available until expended.

SEC. 12008. FEDERAL DISQUALIFICATIONS.

(a) Drunk Driving; Leaving the Scene of an Accident; Felonies.--

(1) First offense.--

(A) General rule.--Except as provided in subparagraph (B) and paragraph

(2), the Secretary shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than 1 year each person--

(i) who is found to have committed a first violation--

(I) of driving a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or
(II) of leaving the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person; or

(ii) who uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony (other than a felony described in subsection (b)).

(B) Special rule.--If the vehicle operated or used in connection with the violation or the commission of the felony referred to in subparagraph (A) is transporting a hazardous material required by the Secretary to be placarded under section 105 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. App. 1804), the Secretary shall disqualify the person for a period of not less than 3 years.

(2) Second offense.--

(A) General rule.--Subject to subparagraph (B), the Secretary shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life each person--

(i) who is found to have committed more than one violation of driving a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance;

(ii) who is found to have committed more than one violation of leaving the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person;

(iii) who uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of more than one felony arising out of different criminal episodes; or

(iv)(I) who is found to have committed a violation described in clause (i) or (ii), and (II) who is found to have committed a violation described in the other of such clauses or uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony.

(B) Special rule.--The Secretary may issue regulations which establish guidelines (including conditions) under which a disqualification for life under subparagraph (A) may be reduced to a period of not less than 10 years.

(b) Controlled Substance Felonies.--The Secretary shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life each person who uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony involving manufacturing, distributing, or dispensing a controlled substance, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance.

(c) Serious Traffic Violations.--

(1) Second violation.--The Secretary shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than 60 days each person who, in a 3-year period, is found to have committed 2 serious traffic violations involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person.

(2) Third violation.--The Secretary shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than 120 days each person who, in a 3-year period, is found to have committed 3 serious traffic violations involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person.

(d) Enforcement of Drinking and Driving Regulations.--

(1) Out of service.--Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this title, the Secretary, for purposes of enforcing section 392.5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, shall issue regulations which establish and enforce an out of service period of 24 hours for any person who violates such section.

(2) Violations of out-of-service orders.--No person shall violate an out-of-service order issued under paragraph (1) of this subsection.

(3) Reporting requirements.--Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall issue regulations establishing and enforcing requirements for reporting of out-of-service orders issued pursuant to regulations issued under paragraph (1).

Regulations issued under this paragraph shall, at a minimum, require an operator of a commercial motor vehicle who is issued such an order to report such issuance to his or her employer and to the State which issued such operator his or her driver's license.

(e) Limitation on Applicability.--

(1) General rule.--Notwithstanding any requirement of subsections (a), (b), and (c) of this section, the Secretary does not have to disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle any person who has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with such requirement by the State which issued the driver's license which authorized such person to operate such vehicle.

(2) Satisfaction of state disqualification.--For purposes of paragraph (1), suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a driver's license which authorizes a person to operate a commercial motor vehicle by a State shall be treated as disqualification of such person from operating such vehicle.

(f) Blood Alcohol Concentration Level.--

(1) Study.--

(A) National academy of sciences.--Not later than 30 days after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall undertake to enter into appropriate arrangements with the National Academy of Sciences to conduct a study of the appropriateness of reducing the blood alcohol concentration level at or above which a person when operating a commercial motor vehicle is deemed to be driving while under the influence of alcohol from 0.10 to 0.04 percent.

(B) Report.--In entering into any arrangements with the National Academy of Sciences for conducting the study under this subsection, the Secretary shall request the National Academy of Sciences to submit, not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this title, to the Secretary a report on the results of such study.

(2) Rulemaking.--Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall commence a rulemaking to determine whether or not, for purposes of this section and section 12009 of this Act, the blood alcohol concentration level at or above which a person when operating a commercial motor vehicle is deemed to be driving while under the influence

of alcohol should be reduced from 0.10 to 0.04 percent (or some other percentage less than 0.10).

(3) Issuance of rule.--Not later than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall issue a rule which establishes, for purposes of this section and section 12009 of this Act, the blood alcohol concentration level at or above which a person when operating a commercial motor vehicle shall be deemed to be driving while under the influence of alcohol at 0.10 percent or such lesser percentage as the Secretary determines appropriate.

(4) Failure of the secretary to issue rule.--If the Secretary does not issue a rule described in paragraph (3) in the 2-year period beginning on the date of the enactment of this title, for purposes of this section and section 12009 of this Act, the blood alcohol concentration level at or above which a person operating a commercial motor vehicle shall be deemed to be driving while under the influence of alcohol shall be 0.04 percent.

SEC. 12009. REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE PARTICIPATION.

(a) In General.--In order not to have funds withheld under section 12011 from apportionment, each State shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) Testing program.--The State shall adopt and administer a program for testing and ensuring the fitness of persons to operate commercial motor vehicles in accordance with all of the minimum Federal standards established by the Secretary under section 12005(a).

(2) Test standards.--The State shall not issue a commercial driver's license to a person unless such person passes a written and driving test for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle which complies with such minimum standards.

(3) Driving while under the influence.--The State shall have in effect and enforce a law which provides that any person with a blood alcohol concentration level at or above the level established by or under section 12008(f) when operating a commercial motor vehicle is deemed to be driving while under the influence of alcohol.

(4) CDL issuance and information.--The State shall authorize a person to operate a commercial motor vehicle only by issuance of a commercial driver's license which contains the information described in section 12006(a)(3).

(5) Advance notification of licensing.--At least 60 days before issuance of a commercial driver's license or such shorter period as the Secretary may establish by regulation, the State shall notify the Secretary or the operator of the information system under section 12007, as the case may be, of the proposed issuance of such license and such other information as the Secretary may require to ensure identification of the person applying for such license.

(6) Information request.--Before issuance of a commercial driver's license to a person, the State shall request from any other State which has issued a

commercial driver's license to such person all information pertaining to the driving record of such person.

(7) Notification of licensing.--Within 30 days after issuance of a commercial driver's license, the State shall notify the Secretary or the operator of the information system under section 12007, as the case may be, of the issuance.

(8) Notification of disqualifications.--Within 10 days after disqualification of the holder of a commercial driver's license from operating a commercial motor vehicle (or after suspension, revocation, or cancellation of such license) for a period of 60 days or more, the State shall notify--

(A) the Secretary or the operator of the information system under section 12007, as the case may be, and

(B) the State which issued the license, of such disqualification, suspension, revocation, or cancellation.

(9) Notification of traffic violations.--Within 10 days after a person who operates a commercial motor vehicle, who has a driver's license issued by any other State, and who violates a State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) in the State, shall notify a State official designated by the State which issued such license of such violation, within 10 days after the date such person is found to have committed such violation.

(10) Limitation on licensing.--The State shall not issue a commercial driver's license to a person during a period in which such person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or the driver's license of such person is suspended, revoked, or canceled.

(11) Return of old licenses.--The State shall not issue a commercial driver's license to a person who has a commercial driver's license issued by any other State unless such person first returns the driver's license issued by such other State.

(12) Domicile requirement.--The State shall issue commercial drivers' licenses only to those persons who operate or will operate commercial motor vehicles and are domiciled in the State; except that the State, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary shall issue, may issue a commercial driver's license to a person who operates or will operate a commercial motor vehicle and who is not domiciled in a State which does issue commercial drivers' licenses.

(13) Penalty approval.--The State shall impose such penalties as the State determines appropriate and the Secretary approves for operating a commercial motor vehicle while not having a commercial driver's license, while having a driver's license suspended, revoked, or canceled, or while being disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle.

(14) Reciprocity.--The States shall allow any person--

(A) who has a commercial driver's license--

(i) which is issued by any other State in accordance with the minimum Federal standards for the issuance of such licenses, and

- (ii) which is not suspended, revoked, or cancelled; and
- (B) who is not disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle;

to operate a commercial motor vehicle in the State.

(15) First offenses.--The State shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than 1 year each person--

(A) who is found to have committed a first violation--

- (i) of driving a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance, or
- (ii) of leaving the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person; or

(B) who uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony (other than a felony described in paragraph (17));

except that if the vehicle being operated or used in connection with such violation or the commission of such felony is transporting a hazardous material required by the Secretary to be placarded under section 105 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act (49 U.S.C. App. 1804), the State shall disqualify such person from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than 3 years.

(16) Second offenses.--

(A) General rule.--Subject to subparagraph (B), the State shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life each person--

- (i) who is found to have committed more than one violation of driving a commercial motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance;
- (ii) who is found to have committed more than one violation of leaving the scene of an accident involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person;
- (iii) who uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of more than one felony arising out of different criminal episodes; or
- (iv)(I) who is found to have committed a violation described in clause (i) or (ii), and

(II) who is found to have committed a violation described in the other of such clauses or uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of a felony.

(B) Special rule.--The State, in accordance with such guidelines (including conditions) as the Secretary may establish by regulation, may reduce a disqualification for life in accordance with subparagraph (A) to a period of not less than 10 years.

(17) Drug offenses.--The State shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for life each person who uses a commercial motor

vehicle in the commission of a felony involving manufacturing,

distributing, or dispensing a controlled substance, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance.

(18) Second serious traffic violation.--The State shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than 60 days

each person who, in a 3-year period, is found to have committed 2 serious traffic violations involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person.

(19) Third serious traffic violation.--The State shall disqualify from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of not less than 120 days each person who, in a 3-year period, is found to have committed 3 serious traffic violations involving a commercial motor vehicle operated by such person.

(20) National driver register information.--Before issuing a commercial driver's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle to any person, the State shall request the Secretary for information from the National Driver Register established pursuant to the National Driver Register Act of 1982 (23 U.S.C. 401 note) (after such Register is determined by the Secretary to be operational)--

(A) on whether such person has been disqualified from operating a motor vehicle (other than a commercial motor vehicle);

(B) on whether such person has had a license (other than a license authorizing such person to operate a commercial motor vehicle) suspended, revoked, or cancelled for cause in the 3-year period ending on the date of application for such commercial driver's license; and

(C) on whether such person has been convicted of any of the offenses specified in section 205(a)(3) of such Act.

The State shall give full weight and consideration to such information in deciding whether to issue a commercial driver's license to such person.

(21) Out of service regulations.--The State shall adopt and enforce any regulations issued by the Secretary under section 12008(d)(1).

(b) Satisfaction of State Disqualification Requirement.--A State may satisfy the requirements of subsection (a) that the State disqualify a person who operates a commercial motor vehicle if the State suspends, revokes, or cancels

the driver's license issued to such person in accordance with the requirements of such subsection.

(c) Notification.--Not later than 30 days after being notified by a State of the proposed issuance of a commercial driver's license to any person, the Secretary or the operator of the information system under section 12007, as the case may be, shall notify such State of whether or not such person has a commercial driver's license issued by any other State or has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle by any other State or the Secretary.

SEC. 12010. GRANT PROGRAM.

(a) Establishment.--The Secretary may make a grant to a State in a fiscal year if the State enters into an agreement with the Secretary to participate in such fiscal year in the commercial driver's license program established by this title and the information system required by this title and to comply with the requirements of section 12009.

(b) Minimum amount of grant.--The Secretary shall determine the amount of

grants in a fiscal year to be made under this section to a State eligible to receive such grants in the fiscal year; except that--

(1) such State shall not be granted less than \$100,000 under this section in the fiscal year; and

(2) to the extent that any States are granted more than \$100,000 per State in the fiscal year under this section, the Secretary shall ensure that such States are treated equitably.

(c) Limitation on Use of Funds.--A State receiving a grant under this section may only use the funds provided under such grant for issuing commercial driver's licenses and complying with the requirements of section 12009.

(d) Contract Authority.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, approval by the Secretary of a grant to a State under this section shall be deemed to be a contractual obligation of the United States for payment of the amount of the grant.

(e) Period of Availability.--Funds made available to carry out this section shall remain available for obligation by the State for the fiscal year for which such funds are made available. Any of such funds not obligated before the last day of such period shall no longer be available to such State and shall be available to the Secretary for carrying out the purposes of this title. Funds made available pursuant to this section shall remain available until expended.

(f) Funding.--There shall be available to the Secretary to carry out this section \$5,000,000 from funds made available to carry out section 404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 for each of fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991.

SEC. 12011. WITHHOLDING OF HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR STATE NONCOMPLIANCE.

(a) First Year.--The Secretary shall withhold 5 percent of the amount required to be apportioned to any State under each of sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(2), 104(b)(5), and 104(b)(6) of title 23, United States Code, on the first day of the fiscal year succeeding the first fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1992, throughout which the State does not substantially comply with any requirement of section 12009(a) of this Act.

(b) After the First Year.--The Secretary shall withhold 10 percent of the amount required to be apportioned to any State under each of sections 104(b)(1), 104(b)(2), 104(b)(5), and 104(b)(6) of such title on the first day of each fiscal year after the second fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1992, throughout which the State does not substantially comply with any requirement of section 12009(a) of this Act.

(c) Period of Availability; Effect of Compliance and Noncompliance.--

(1) Funds withheld on or before september 30, 1995.--

(A) Period of availability.--Any funds withheld under this section from apportionment to any State on or before September 30, 1995, shall

remain available for apportionment to such State as follows:

(i) If such funds would have been apportioned under section 104(b)(5)(B) of such title but for this section, such funds shall remain available until the end of the second fiscal year following the fiscal year for which such funds are authorized to be appropriated.

(ii) If such funds would have been apportioned under section 104(b)(1), 104(b)(2), or 104(b)(6) of such title but for this section, such funds shall remain available until the end of the third fiscal year following the fiscal year for which such funds are authorized to be appropriated.

(B) Funds withheld after september 30, 1965.--No funds withheld under this subsection from apportionment to any State after September 30, 1995, shall be available for apportionment to such State.

(2) Apportionment of withheld funds after compliance.--If, before the last day of the period for which funds withheld under this section from apportionment are to remain available for apportionment to a State under paragraph (1), the State substantially complies with all of the requirements of section 12009(a) of this Act for a period of 365 days, the Secretary shall on the day following the last day of such period apportion to such State the withheld funds remaining available for apportionment to such State.

(3) Period of availability of subsequently apportioned funds.--Any funds apportioned pursuant to paragraph (2) shall remain available for expenditure until the end of the third fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year in which such funds are apportioned. Sums not obligated at the end of

such period shall lapse or, in the case of funds apportioned under section 104(b)(5) of such title, shall lapse and be made available by the Secretary for projects in accordance with section 118(b) of such title.

(4) Effect of noncompliance.--If, at the end of the period for which funds withheld under this section from apportionment are available for apportionment to a State under paragraph (1), the State has not substantially complied with all of the requirements of section 12009(a) of

this Act for a 365-day period, such funds shall lapse or, in the case of funds withheld from apportionment under section 104(b)(5) of such title, such funds shall lapse and be made available by the Secretary for projects in accordance with section 118(b) of such title.

SEC. 12012. PENALTIES.

(a) Notice of Violation.--Paragraph (1) of section 521(b) of title 49, United States Code, is amended by inserting "or section 12002, 12003, 12004, 12005(b), or 12008(d)(2) of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986"

after "the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984" and by striking out "section" the second place it appears and inserting in lieu thereof "sections".

(b) Civil Penalties.--Paragraph (2) of such section is amended, by inserting "(A) In general.--" before "Except as", by inserting "(other than subparagraph

(B))" before ", except for recordkeeping violations", and by striking out the last two sentences and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"(B) Violations pertaining to cdl's.--Any person who is determined by the Secretary, after notice and opportunity for a hearing, to have committed an act which is a violation of section 12002, 12003, 12004, 12005(b), or 12008(d)(2) of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 shall be

liable to the United States for a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,500 for each offense.

"(C) Determination of amount.--The amount of any civil penalty, and a reasonable time for abatement of the violation, shall by written order be determined by the Secretary, taking into account the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation committed and, with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, history of prior offenses, ability to pay, effect on ability to continue to do business, and such other matters as justice and public safety may require. In each case, the assessment shall be calculated to induce further compliance."

(c) Posting of Notice.--Paragraph (3) of such section is amended by inserting "or section 12002, 12003, 12004, or 12005(b) of the Commercial Motor

Vehicle Safety Act of 1986" after "the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984".

(d) Out of Service Orders.--Paragraph (5)(A) of such section is amended by

inserting "or section 12002, 12003, 12004, or 12005(b) of the Commercial Motor

Vehicle Safety Act of 1986" after "the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1984" and

by striking out "section" the second place it appears and inserting in lieu

thereof "sections".

(e) Criminal Penalties.--Paragraph (6) of such section is amended by inserting "(A) In general.--" before "Any person" and by adding at the end thereof the following:

"(B) Violations pertaining to cdl's.--Any person who knowingly and willfully violates--

"(i) any provision of section 12002, 12003(b), 12003(c), 12004, 12005(b), or 12008(d)(2) of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of

1986 or a regulation issued under such section, or

"(ii) with respect to notification of a serious traffic violation as defined under section 12019 of such Act, any provision of section 12003(a) of such Act or a regulation issued under such section 12003(a),

shall, upon conviction, be subject for each offense to a fine not to exceed \$5,000 or imprisonment for a term not to exceed 90 days, or both."

(f) Conforming Amendments.--(1) Paragraph (2) of such section is amended by inserting "Civil Penalty.--" after "(2)", by indenting subparagraph (A), as designated by subsection (b) of this section, and aligning such subparagraph with subparagraph (B), as added by such subsection (b).

(2) Paragraph (6) of such section is amended by inserting "Criminal Penalties.--" after "(6)" and by indenting subparagraph (A), as designated by subsection (e) of this section, and aligning such subparagraph with subparagraph (B), as added by such subsection (e).

(g) Technical Amendments.--(1) Paragraph (6) of such section is further amended by striking out "for a fine" and inserting in lieu thereof "to a fine".

(2) Paragraph (13) of such section is amended by striking out "section 4" and inserting in lieu thereof "section 204".

SEC. 12013. WAIVER AUTHORITY.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this title, after notice and an opportunity for comment, the Secretary may waive, in whole or in part, application of any provision of this title or any regulation issued under this title with respect to class of persons or class of commercial motor vehicles if the Secretary determines that such waiver is not contrary to the public interest and does not diminish the safe operation of commercial motor vehicles. Any waiver under this section shall be published in the Federal Register, together with reasons for such waiver.

SEC. 12014. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY GRANTS.

Section 404 of the Surface Transportation Assistance Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. 2304) is amended to read as follows:

"Authorizations

"Sec. 404. (a)(1) To carry out the purposes of section 402 of this title, there is authorized to be appropriated out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account) \$10,000,000 for fiscal year 1984, \$20,000,000 for fiscal year 1985, and \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 1986.

"(2) Subject to section 9503(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, there shall be available to the Secretary to incur obligations to carry out section 402 of this title, out of the Highway Trust Fund (other than the Mass Transit Account), \$50,000,000 per fiscal year for each of fiscal years 1987 and 1988 and \$60,000,000 per fiscal year for each of fiscal years 1989, 1990, and 1991.

"(b) Funds authorized to be appropriated, and funds made available, by this section shall be used to reimburse States pro rata for the Federal share of the costs incurred.

"(c) Grants made pursuant to the authority of this part shall be for periods not to exceed one year.

"(d) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning after September

30, 1986, approval by the Secretary of a grant to a State under section 402 shall be deemed a contractual obligation of the United States for payment of the Federal share of the costs incurred by such State in development or implementation or both of programs to enforce commercial motor vehicle rules, regulations, standards, and orders.

"(e) Funds authorized to be appropriated, and funds made available, to carry out this section shall remain available for obligation by the Secretary for the fiscal year for which such funds are authorized or made available, as the case may be, and the three succeeding fiscal years.

"(f) On October 1 of each fiscal year beginning after September 30, 1986, the Secretary may deduct, from funds made available for such fiscal year by subsection (a)(2), an amount not to exceed one-half of one percent of the amount of such funds for administering section 402 of this title in such fiscal year."

SEC. 12015. TRUCK BRAKE REGULATIONS.

Not later than the 90th day after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall revise the regulations of the Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration contained in section 393.42(c) of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations to require trucks and truck tractors manufactured after

July 24, 1980, to have brakes operating on all wheels. The Secretary may provide for a delayed effective date (not exceeding 1 year) for trucks and truck tractors manufactured after July 24, 1980, and before such date of enactment.

SEC. 12016. RADAR DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

(a) Project Description.--Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary, in cooperation with State and local law enforcement officials, shall conduct a demonstration project to assess the benefits of continuous use of unmanned radar equipment on highway safety on a section of highway with a high rate of motor vehicle accidents. Such project shall be conducted in northern Kentucky on a hilly section of Interstate Route I-75 between Fort Mitchell and the Brent Spence Bridge over the Ohio River during the 24-month period beginning on the date of the enactment of this title.

(b) Reports.--

(1) Interim report.--Not later than 18 months after the date of the enactment of this title, the Secretary shall transmit to Congress an interim report on the results of the demonstration project conducted under

subsection (a), together with any recommendations on whether or not to extend the duration of such demonstration project and whether or not to expand the scope of such project.

(2) Final report.--Not later than 60 days after completion of the demonstration project conducted under subsection (a), the Secretary shall transmit to Congress a final report on the results of such project, together with any such recommendations.

SEC. 12017. LIMITATION ON STATUTORY CONSTRUCTION.

Nothing in this title shall be construed to diminish, limit, or otherwise affect the authority of the Secretary to regulate commercial motor vehicle safety involving motor vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,001 pounds or such lesser gross vehicle weight rating as determined appropriate by the Secretary under section 12019(6)(A) of this Act.

SEC. 12018. REGULATIONS.

(a) Authority To Issue.--The Secretary may issue such regulations as may be necessary to carry out this title.

(b) Compliance With Title 5.--All regulations under this title shall be issued in accordance with section 553 of title 5, United States Code (without regard to sections 556 and 557 of such title).

SEC. 12019. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this title--

(1) Alcohol.--The term "alcohol" has the meaning the term alcoholic beverage has under section 158(c) of title 23, United States Code.

(2) Driver's license.--The term "driver's license" means a license issued by a State to an individual which authorizes the individual to operate a motor vehicle on highways.

(3) Commerce.--The term "commerce" means--

(A) trade, traffic, and 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 the United States); and

(B) trade, traffic, and transportation in the United States which affects any trade, traffic, and transportation described in subparagraph (A).

(4) Commercial driver's license.--The term "commercial driver's license" means a license issued by a State to an individual which authorizes the individual to operate a class of commercial motor vehicle.

(5) Motor vehicle.--The term "motor vehicle" means a vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power used and on highways, except that such term does not include a vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, semitrailer operated exclusively on a rail.

(6) Commercial motor vehicle.--The term "commercial motor vehicle" means

a motor vehicle used in commerce to transport passengers or property--

(A) if the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds or such a lesser gross vehicle weight rating as the Secretary determines appropriate by regulation but not less than a gross vehicle weight rating of 10,001 pounds;

(B) if the vehicle is designed to transport more than 15 passengers, including the driver; or

(C) if such vehicle is used in the transportation of materials found by the Secretary to be hazardous for the purposes of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

A motor vehicle which is used in the transportation of hazardous materials

and which has a gross vehicle weight rating of less than 26,001 pounds (or

such gross vehicle weight rating as determined appropriate by the Secretary under subparagraph (A)) shall not be included as a commercial motor vehicle pursuant to subparagraph (C) if such hazardous material is listed as hazardous pursuant to section 306(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (42

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9656(a)) and is not otherwise regulated by the Department of Transportation or if such hazardous material is a consumer commodity or

limited quantity hazardous material as defined under section 171.8 of title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The Secretary may waive the application of the preceding sentence to any motor vehicle or class of motor vehicles if the Secretary determines that such waiver is in the interest of safety.

(7) Controlled substance.--The term "controlled substance" has the meaning such term has under section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 802).

(8) Employee.--The term "employee" means an operator of a commercial motor vehicle (including an independent contractor while in the course of operating a commercial motor vehicle) who is employed by an employer.

(9) Employer.--The term "employer" means any person (including the United States, a State, or a political subdivision of a State) who owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle or assigns employees to operate such a vehicle.

(10) Felony.--The term "felony" means an offense under State or Federal law that is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding 1 year.

(11) Hazardous material.--The term "hazardous material" has the meaning such term has under section 103 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act.

(12) Serious traffic violation.--The term "serious traffic violation" means--

- (A) excessive speeding, as defined by the Secretary by regulation;
- (B) reckless driving, as defined under State or local law;
- (C) a violation of a State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) arising in connection with a fatal traffic accident; and
- (D) any other similar violation of a State or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control (other than a parking violation) which the Secretary determines by regulation is serious.

(13) Secretary.--The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of Transportation.

(14) State.--The term "State" means a State of the United States and the District of Columbia.

(15) United states.--The term "United States" means the 50 States and the District of Columbia.