

SEC. 32304. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR TRAINING.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31305 is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(c) STANDARDS FOR TRAINING.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Enhancement Act of 2012, the Secretary shall issue final regulations establishing minimum entry-level training requirements for an individual operating a commercial motor vehicle—

“(1) addressing the knowledge and skills that—

“(A) are necessary for an individual operating a commercial motor vehicle to safely operate a commercial motor vehicle; and

“(B) must be acquired before obtaining a commercial driver’s license for the first time or upgrading from one class of commercial driver’s license to another class;

“(2) addressing the specific training needs of a commercial motor vehicle operator seeking passenger or hazardous materials endorsements;

“(3) requiring effective instruction to acquire the knowledge, skills, and training referred to in paragraphs (1) and (2), including classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction;

“(4) requiring certification that an individual operating a commercial motor vehicle meets the requirements established by the Secretary; and

“(5) requiring a training provider (including a public or private driving school, motor carrier, or owner or operator of a commercial motor vehicle) that offers training that results in the issuance of a certification to an individual under paragraph (4) to demonstrate that the training meets the requirements of the regulations, through a process established by the Secretary.”.

(b) COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE UNIFORM STANDARDS.—Section 31308(1) is amended to read as follows:

“(1) an individual issued a commercial driver’s license—

“(A) pass written and driving tests for the operation of a commercial motor vehicle that comply with the minimum standards prescribed by the Secretary under section 31305(a); and

“(B) present certification of completion of driver training that meets the requirements established by the Secretary under section 31305(c);”.

(c) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The section heading for section 31305 is amended to read as follows:

“§ 31305. General driver fitness, testing, and training”.

(d) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The analysis for chapter 313 is amended by striking the item relating to section 31305 and inserting the following:

“31305. General driver fitness, testing, and training.”.