
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that veterans who have
2 acquired skill levels while serving in the military may qualify
3 for civilian employment requiring similar skill levels and
4 experience in the private sector. Section 286-235.5, Hawaii
5 Revised Statutes, recognizes military skill levels that exempt
6 certain active duty military personnel from the requirement to
7 obtain a commercial driver's license.

8 The purpose of this Act is to similarly exempt certain
9 former military personnel no longer on active duty from the
10 requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license.

11 SECTION 2. Section 286-235.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "**§286-235.5 Persons exempt from licensure.** The following
14 persons shall be exempt from licensure under this part:

15 (1) Individuals who operate or previously operated
16 commercial motor vehicles for military purposes. This
17 exception is limited to active-duty military
18 personnel, current members of the military reserves,



1 current members of the national guard on active duty,
2 including personnel on full-time national guard duty,
3 current personnel on part-time national guard
4 training, and current national guard military
5 technicians (civilians who are required to wear
6 military uniforms), and active-duty United States
7 Coast Guard personnel[-], or former members of any of
8 the foregoing. This exception is not applicable to
9 United States reserve technicians; provided that with
10 regard to a former military individual no longer on
11 active duty, the exemption shall apply only if the
12 individual, while previously on active duty, had met
13 minimum qualifications required by federal laws and
14 regulations that meet or exceed state requirements to
15 operate commercial motor vehicles for military
16 purposes; and

- 17 (2) Federal, state, and county firefighters, and law
18 enforcement officers who drive federal, state, or
19 county fire trucks, including fire pumpers, aerial
20 ladder trucks, and elevated platform trucks, or
21 authorized emergency vehicles; provided that they are
22 trained by the federal, state, or county government



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1 and the commercial motor vehicles are equipped with
2 audible and visual signals and are not subject to
3 normal traffic regulation. For purposes of this
4 paragraph, "authorized emergency vehicle" shall have
5 the same meaning as in section 291C-1."

6 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

8 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Commercial Driver's License; Exemption for Veterans

Description:

Extends the exemption from requirement to obtain a commercial driver's license to certain former military personnel no longer on active duty who previously operated commercial motor vehicles for military purposes, provided that they met relevant minimum federal requirements that meet or exceed state requirements to operate those vehicles.

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