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To direct the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to issue certain regulations to extend the time period for the waiver of the commercial driver's license skills test for certain members of the military, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MAST (for himself and Mr. CARTER of Georgia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Freedom Haulers
5 Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MILITARY SKILLS TEST WAIVER PROGRAM.**

2 Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment
 3 of this Act, the Administrator of the Federal Motor Safety
 4 Administration shall issue such regulations as are nec-
 5 essary to extend the waiver for the commercial driver’s
 6 license skills test from 12 months to 24 months after a
 7 qualified individual separates from the military under the
 8 military skills test waiver program of the Federal Motor
 9 Carrier Safety Administration.

10 **SEC. 3. MANDATORY EVEN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR MILI-**
 11 **TARY COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE AP-**
 12 **PLICANTS.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31305 of title 49, United
 14 States Code, is amended by striking subsection (d) and
 15 inserting the following:

16 “(d) EVEN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR MILITARY
 17 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.—

18 “(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection:

19 “(A) COVERED MILITARY OPERATOR.—The
 20 term ‘covered military operator’ means a cur-
 21 rent or former member of a regular or reserve
 22 component of the Armed Forces (as those terms
 23 are defined in section 101(a) of title 10) who,
 24 during the applicable covered period described
 25 in subparagraph (2)(B), (3)(B), or (4)(D), as
 26 applicable, was regularly employed and des-

1 ignated in a military occupational specialty, Air
2 Force specialty code, or occupational classifica-
3 tion (or a substantially equivalent successor
4 designation) as—

5 “(i) a Motor Transport Operator
6 (88M), a PATRIOT Launching Station
7 Operator (14T), or a Fueler (92F), in the
8 Army;

9 “(ii) a Vehicle Operator (2T1), a Fu-
10 eler (2F0), or a Pavement and Construc-
11 tion Equipment Operator (3E2), in the Air
12 Force;

13 “(iii) a Motor Vehicle Operator
14 (3531), in the Marine Corps; or

15 “(iv) an Equipment Operator (E.O.),
16 in the Navy.

17 “(B) COVERED PERIOD.—Except as other-
18 wise specified, the term ‘covered period’ means
19 the 24-month period immediately preceding the
20 date of the individual’s application for a waiver
21 under this paragraph.

22 “(2) KNOWLEDGE TEST WAIVER.—

23 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The State shall waive,
24 for a covered military operator, the requirement
25 to pass a knowledge test otherwise applicable

1 for issuance of a commercial learner’s permit or
2 commercial driver’s license.

3 “(B) CONDITIONS.—A waiver under clause
4 (A) applies only if the covered military operator
5 certifies and provides evidence that, during the
6 24-month period immediately preceding the ap-
7 plication, the operator—

8 “(i) is or was regularly employed and
9 designated as described in subparagraph
10 (1)(A);

11 “(ii) is operating, or immediately be-
12 fore separation from the Armed Forces op-
13 erated, a commercial motor vehicle rep-
14 resentative of the type of commercial
15 motor vehicle the operator expects to oper-
16 ate;

17 “(iii) has not simultaneously held
18 more than one civilian driver’s license, in
19 addition to a military license;

20 “(iv) has not had a driver’s license
21 suspended, revoked, or canceled;

22 “(v) has not been convicted, in any
23 type of motor vehicle, of an offense de-
24 scribed in subsections (b) through (e) of
25 section 31310 of this title;

1 “(vi) has not been convicted, more
2 than once, of a serious traffic violation, as
3 defined by the Secretary under section
4 31305(a) of this title; and

5 “(vii) has not been convicted of a vio-
6 lation of military, State, or local law relat-
7 ing to motor vehicle traffic control (other
8 than a parking violation) arising from a
9 traffic crash, and has no record of a crash
10 in which the operator was at fault.

11 “(3) DRIVING TEST WAIVER.—

12 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The State shall waive,
13 for a covered military operator who holds a
14 valid civilian driver’s license at the time of ap-
15 plication, the driving test otherwise required for
16 issuance of a commercial driver’s license.

17 “(B) CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS.—The
18 State shall condition a waiver under clause (A)
19 on the covered military operator certifying and
20 providing evidence that the operator—

21 “(i) is regularly employed, or was reg-
22 ularly employed during the 24-month pe-
23 riod immediately preceding the application,
24 in a military position requiring operation
25 of a commercial motor vehicle;

1 “(ii) was exempt from commercial
2 driver’s license requirements while oper-
3 ating in that military position; and

4 “(iii) operated a commercial motor ve-
5 hicle representative of the type the oper-
6 ator operates or expects to operate for not
7 less than the 2 years immediately pre-
8 ceding separation from the Armed Forces.

9 “(C) CLEAN RECORD.—The State shall
10 further condition a waiver under clause (A) on
11 the covered military operator certifying that,
12 during the 2-year period immediately preceding
13 the application, the operator satisfies subclauses
14 (iii) through (vii) of subparagraph (2)(B).

15 “(4) ENDORSEMENT WAIVERS.—

16 “(A) PASSENGER ENDORSEMENT.—The
17 State shall waive the driving test and special-
18 ized knowledge test otherwise required for a
19 passenger endorsement for a covered military
20 operator described in subparagraph (1)(A) who
21 meets the conditions in clause (D).

22 “(B) TANK VEHICLE ENDORSEMENT.—
23 The State shall waive the specialized knowledge
24 test otherwise required for a tank vehicle en-
25 dorsement for a covered military operator de-

scribed in subparagraph (1)(A) who meets the conditions in clause (D).

“(C) HAZARDOUS MATERIALS ENDORSEMENT.—The State shall waive the specialized knowledge test otherwise required for a hazardous materials endorsement for a covered military operator described in subparagraph (1)(A) who meets the conditions in clause (D), except that a State shall continue to apply all other federally required standards for issuance of a hazardous materials endorsement, including any background check required by law.

“(D) CONDITIONS.—A waiver under clause (A), (B), or (C) applies only if the covered military operator certifies and provides evidence that, during the 24-month period immediately preceding the application, the operator—

“(i) is or was regularly employed in a military position requiring operation of a passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicle, a tank vehicle, or the transportation of hazardous materials, as applicable to the endorsement sought; and

“(ii) satisfies subclauses (iii) through (vii) of subparagraph (2)(B).

1 “(5) STATE IMPLEMENTATION.—A State shall
2 establish procedures and forms necessary to admin-
3 ister the waivers required by this paragraph and
4 shall accept applications under this paragraph in the
5 same manner as other applications for a commercial
6 learner’s permit or commercial driver’s license.

7 “(6) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
8 this paragraph shall be construed to waive any re-
9 quirement for a medical certification, background
10 check, or other qualification standard applicable to
11 commercial driver’s license holders generally under
12 this chapter or regulations issued under section
13 31305(a) of this title.”.

14 (b) REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE PARTICIPATION.—
15 Section 31311(a) of title 49, United States Code, is
16 amended by adding at the end the following:

17 “(26) The State shall adopt and carry out an
18 even exchange program for military commercial
19 motor vehicle operators as set forth in section
20 31305(d) and consistent with the standards pre-
21 scribed by the Secretary of Transportation.”.

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