

119TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7169

To require English proficiency as a prerequisite for eligibility for ride share contracts, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 21, 2026

Mr. BRECHEEN (for himself, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. FINE, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform

A BILL

To require English proficiency as a prerequisite for eligibility for ride share contracts, and for other purposes.

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 “Understanding Basic
5 English Requirements Act of 2026” or the “UBER Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY AND OTHER DRIVER RE-**
7 **QUIREMENTS FOR RIDE SHARE CONTRACT**
8 **ELIGIBILITY.**

9 (a) REQUIREMENTS.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—The head of an executive
2 agency may not award an agreement or a contract
3 with any transportation network company or shared-
4 use mobility company for services provided in the
5 continental United States, Alaska, or Hawaii where
6 unless each driver who will be performing work
7 under the agreement or contract—

8 (A) is at least 21 years old;

9 (B) can read and speak English suffi-
10 ciently to converse with the general public, law
11 enforcement, and other officials, understand
12 highway traffic signs, respond to official inquir-
13 ies, and make entries on reports and records;

14 (C) can, by reason of experience, training,
15 or both, safely operate the type of vehicle the
16 driver drives;

17 (D) has a currently valid driver's license
18 issued only by one State or jurisdiction; and

19 (E) has successfully completed a driver's
20 road test.

21 (2) EXCEPTION FOR AMERICAN SIGN LAN-
22 GUAGE.—The requirement under paragraph (1)(B)
23 does not apply to drivers who are deaf or hearing
24 impaired and use American Sign Language.

1 (b) COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION AND DEBAR-
2 MENT.—A transportation network company or shared-use
3 mobility company shall be required, for purposes of eligi-
4 bility for an agreement or contract described in paragraph
5 (1) of subsection (a), to certify to the head of the executive
6 agency that all drivers for the company who will be per-
7 forming work under such agreement or contract meet the
8 requirements set forth in subsection (a)(1). Any company
9 found to not be in compliance with such certification shall
10 be debarred from receiving Federal contracts for a period
11 of 5 years.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) EXECUTIVE AGENCY.—The term “executive
14 agency” has the meaning given the term in section
15 133 of title 41, United States Code.

16 (2) SHARED-USE MOBILITY COMPANY.—The
17 term “shared-use mobility company” means a cor-
18 poration, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other
19 licensed and operating entity that provides transpor-
20 tation services that are shared among users, includ-
21 ing taxis, limos, bikesharing, ridesharing (such as
22 carpooling and vanpooling), ridesourcing, scooter
23 sharing, or shuttle services.

24 (3) TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY.—
25 The term “transportation network company” means

1 a corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or
2 other licensed and operating entity that uses a dig-
3 ital network to connect a transportation network
4 company (TNC) rider to a TNC driver who provides
5 a prearranged ride. A TNC may not control, direct,
6 or manage the personal vehicle or the TNC driver
7 who connects to its digital network, except where
8 agreed to by written contract.

○