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To amend title 49, United States Code, to modify provisions relating to commercial motor vehicle operator testing requirements, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 “Commercial Motor Ve-
5 hicle English Proficiency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR TEST-**
7 **ING REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) TESTING STANDARDS.—Section 31305(a) of title
9 49, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (4), by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

(2) in paragraph (5)—

(A) in subparagraph (B), by redesignating clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I) through (IV), respectively, and indenting the subclauses appropriately; and

(B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A) through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respectively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

(3) in paragraph (8), by redesignating subparagraphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respectively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

(4) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H), respectively, and indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

(5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A) (as so redesignated)—

(A) in the second sentence, by striking

“The regulations” and inserting the following:

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations under paragraph (1)”; and

1 (B) in the first sentence, by striking “The
2 Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe reg-
3 ulations on” and inserting the following:

4 “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-
5 tation (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’)
6 shall prescribe regulations establishing”; and

7 (6) by adding at the end the following:

8 “(3) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.—

9 “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any
10 other provision of law (including regulations),
11 effective beginning on the date that is 2 years
12 after the date of enactment of the Commercial
13 Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act, an indi-
14 vidual shall not be eligible to pass a knowledge
15 test, in written, verbal, or automated format,
16 under this subsection, or to receive a certifi-
17 cation of fitness to operate a commercial motor
18 vehicle, unless the individual demonstrates the
19 ability to understand in English the basic infor-
20 mation needed to effectively operate, and to
21 communicate in English while operating, a com-
22 mercial motor vehicle, including—

23 “(i) reading and understanding traffic
24 signs in English;

1 “(ii) communicating in English with
 2 traffic safety officers, border patrol agents,
 3 agricultural checkpoint officers, and cargo
 4 weight-limit station personnel; and

5 “(iii) providing and receiving feedback
 6 and directions in English.

7 “(B) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any
 8 other provision of law (including regulations),
 9 effective beginning on the date that is 2 years
 10 after the date of enactment of the Commercial
 11 Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act, a knowl-
 12 edge test, in written, verbal, or automated for-
 13 mat, under this subsection may not be adminis-
 14 tered in any language other than English.”.

15 (b) AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.—The Secretary
 16 of Transportation shall modify the regulations contained
 17 in part 383 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as
 18 the Secretary of Transportation determines to be nec-
 19 essary to implement this section and the amendments
 20 made by this section by the date that is 2 years after the
 21 date of enactment of this Act.

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