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This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions as of the issuance date of this notice and all laws under which such actions were taken, including but not limited to:

1. *General*: National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) [42 U.S.C. 4321–4351]; Federal-Aid Highway Act [23 U.S.C. 109 and 23 U.S.C. 128].

2. *Air*: Clean Air Act [42 U.S.C. 7401–7671(q)].

3. *Noise*: Noise Control Act of 1972 [42 U.S.C. 4901–4918]; 23 CFR part 772.

4. *Land*: Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 [49 U.S.C. 303].

5. *Wildlife*: Endangered Species Act (ESA) [16 U.S.C. 1531–1544 and Section 1536]; Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act [16 U.S.C. 661–667d]; Migratory Bird Treaty Act [16 U.S.C. 703–712].

6. *Historic and Cultural Resources*: Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended [16 U.S.C. 470(f) *et seq.*]; Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 [16 U.S.C. 470(aa)–470(ll)]; Archeological and Historic Preservation Act [16 U.S.C. 469–469c]; Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) [25 U.S.C. 3001–3013].

7. *Social and Economic*: Civil Rights Act of 1964 [42 U.S.C. 2000(d)–2000(d)(1)].

8. *Wetlands and Water Resources*: Coastal Zone Management Act [16 U.S.C. 1451–1465]; Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) [16 U.S.C. 4601–4604]; Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) [42 U.S.C. 300(f)–300(j)(6)]; Wild and Scenic Rivers Act [16 U.S.C. 1271–1287]; Flood Disaster Protection Act [42 U.S.C. 4001–4128].

9. *Hazardous Materials*: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) [42 U.S.C. 9601–9675]; Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA); Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) [42 U.S.C. 6901–6992(k)].

10. *Executive Orders*: E.O. 14096 Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All; E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 Floodplain Management; E.O. 12898 Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low Income Populations; E.O. 11593 Protection and Enhancement of Cultural Resources; E.O. 13007 Indian Sacred Sites; E.O. 13287 Preserve America; E.O. 13175 Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments; E.O. 11514 Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality; E.O. 13045 Protection of Children From Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks; E.O. 13112 Invasive Species.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Number 20.205, Highway Planning

and Construction. The regulations implementing Executive Order 12372 regarding intergovernmental consultation on Federal programs and activities apply to this program.)

Authority: 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1).

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Sabrina S. David,

Division Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Atlanta, Georgia.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2023–0185]

Commercial Driver's License: State of Hawaii; Application for Exemption

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of final disposition; grant of application for exemption.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to grant an exemption to the State of Hawaii allowing the State to waive specific portions of the commercial driver's license (CDL) skills test for CDL applicants who take the skills test on the islands of Lanai and Molokai and issue these drivers a restricted CDL. The Agency grants this exemption because the islands of Lanai and Molokai do not have the highway infrastructure to support a demonstration of certain on-road safe driving skills required by the CDL skills test requirements. FMCSA concludes that granting the exemption, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below is likely to maintain a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety that would be maintained absent the exemption.

DATES: The exemption is effective from February 20, 2024 through February 20, 2026.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; (202) 366–2722; richard.clemente@dot.gov. If you have questions on viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services at (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

Viewing Comments and Documents

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II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from certain Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted. The Agency must also provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews safety analyses and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely maintain a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The decision of the Agency must be published in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Background

Current Regulatory Requirements

The safe on-road driving skills applicants must possess and demonstrate to obtain a CDL for a vehicle class are identified in 49 CFR 383.113(c). Under 49 CFR 383.113(c)(2) and (4), CDL applicants must demonstrate, respectively, the ability to signal appropriately when changing direction in traffic and to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles, and crossing or entering traffic.

As prescribed in 49 CFR 383.153(a)(10)(ix), a State has the discretion to impose restrictions on a

CDL or create its own restrictions using additional codes for additional restrictions, as long as each such restriction code is fully explained on the front or back of the CDL document.

Applicant's Request

The State of Hawaii applied for an exemption from the requirements that a CDL applicant demonstrate the following safe on-road driving skills: the ability to signal appropriately when changing direction in traffic (49 CFR 383.113(c)(2)); and the ability to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles, and crossing or entering traffic (49 CFR 383.113(c)(4)). The applicant states that the islands of Lanai and Molokai do not have the highway infrastructure to support a demonstration of these safe on-road driving skills as required by 49 CFR 383.113(c)(2) and (4). The islands do not have at least two miles of a straight section of urban business street and at least two miles of an expressway or highway section with multiple lanes going in each direction to allow the ability to legally change lanes. The State of Hawaii proposed to establish a new CDL restriction "R," limiting the CDL's validity to the islands of Lanai and Molokai only and would be applied to these drivers who pass a CDL skills test without demonstrating those two skills. The applicant stated that if it stops offering CDL road tests on both islands it will be a significant barrier for CDL applicants to meet all of the required skills test standards and obtain a CDL. Furthermore, there will be a negative economic impact on the communities' livelihood.

IV. Public Comments

On August 25, 2023, FMCSA published a notice of the State of Hawaii's application and requested public comment (88 FR 58434). The Agency received one comment that was not responsive to the request.

V. FMCSA Safety Analysis

The Agency believes allowing Hawaii to issue restricted CDLs to drivers operating a commercial motor vehicle (CMV) on the islands of Lanai and Molokai is likely to maintain a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemption (49 CFR 381.305(a)). The exemption applies only to CDL applicants taking the skills test on the islands of Lanai and Molokai and limits these drivers to operating a CMV on those two islands only.

FMCSA reviewed the information in the State's application and the exhibits submitted including aerial and map

views of the testing routes. The information provided by the State supports the State's assertion that the islands of Lanai and Molokai lack the highway infrastructure to permit CDL applicants to demonstrate their ability to signal appropriately when changing direction in traffic, and the ability to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles, and crossing or entering traffic. Therefore, CDL applicants who drive a CMV only on the islands of Lanai and Molokai do not need to demonstrate those skills to obtain their restricted CDL.

VI. FMCSA Decision

FMCSA has evaluated the State of Hawaii's application for exemption and exhibits and the public comment. Based on its analysis, FMCSA hereby grants Hawaii an exemption from 49 CFR 383.113(c)(2) and (4) for CDL applicants taking the CDL skills test on the islands of Lanai and Molokai and allowing Hawaii to issue restricted CDLs limiting these drivers to operating a CMV on the islands of Lanai and Molokai. Allowing the State of Hawaii to conduct an abbreviated safe on-road driving skills test and issue restricted CDLs permitting the driver to operate a CMV only on the islands of Lanai and Molokai where the roadways do not require drivers to demonstrate such skills will bypass the infrastructure barriers CDL applicants on these two islands experience while establishing safeguards to maintain an equivalent level of safety.

VII. Exemption Decision

A. Grant of Exemption

FMCSA grants an exemption from 49 CFR 383.113(c)(2) and (c)(4) for a period of two years subject to the terms and conditions of this decision.

B. Applicability

The State of Hawaii may issue restricted CDLs under this exemption only to drivers who take the CDL skills test on the islands of Lanai and Molokai.

C. Terms and Conditions

The State of Hawaii and drivers operating under this exemption are subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The State of Hawaii may waive only the following portions of the CDL skills test, as set forth in 49 CFR 383.113(c), that cannot be performed due to infrastructure limitations on the identified islands:

- a. ability to signal appropriately when changing direction in traffic (49 CFR 383.113(c)(2)); and
- b. ability to choose a safe gap for changing lanes, passing other vehicles,

and for crossing or entering traffic (49 CFR 383.113(c)(4)).

2. The State of Hawaii must comply with 49 CFR 383.133(b) and 383.135(a) of the knowledge tests standards for testing procedures and methods set forth in 49 CFR part 383, subpart H, and must continue to administer knowledge tests that fulfill the content requirements of subpart G.

3. Drivers applying for a CDL to be issued under this exemption must take the CDL skills test on either the island of Lanai or Molokai.

4. Drivers issued a restricted CDL under this exemption may operate a CMV only on the islands of Lanai and or Molokai. The State of Hawaii must establish a new state CDL restriction, "R—Restriction", with the following description printed on the back of the license "Restricted to Lanai and Molokai". These restrictive CDLs will not be valid for use on Kauai, Oahu, Maui, Hawaii island, the U.S. Mainland and anywhere else U.S. CDLs are valid for use.

5. The drivers must comply with all other applicable Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 CFR part 350–399).

6. The State of Hawaii must include notice on a restricted CDL issued pursuant to this exemption of the geographical area(s) in which the CDL holder may operate a commercial motor vehicle in accordance with 49 CFR 383.153(a)(10)(ix).

D. Preemption

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(d), as implemented by 49 CFR 381.600, during the period this exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with or is inconsistent with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

E. Notification to FMCSA

The State of Hawaii must provide to FMCSA, upon request, a list of all drivers issued restricted CDLs under this exemption.

F. Termination

FMCSA does not believe that drivers covered by this exemption will experience any deterioration of their safety record. The Agency will, however, rescind the exemption if: (1) the State of Hawaii or drivers operating under the exemption fail to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption results in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and

objective of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

Sue Lawless,

Acting Deputy Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2013–0443; FMCSA–2014–0380; FMCSA–2021–0025]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for three individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.” The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

DATES: The exemptions were applicable on January 10, 2024. The exemptions expire on January 10, 2026. Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, (202) 366–4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366–9826.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation

A. Viewing Comments

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the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, and click “Browse Comments.” If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, without edit, including any personal information the commenter provides, to www.regulations.gov. As described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL 14 (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>, the comments are searchable by the name of the submitter.

II. Background

On January 3, 2024, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for three individuals from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (89 FR 430). The public comment period ended on February 2, 2024, and no comments were received.

FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with § 391.41(b)(8).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in § 391.41(b)(8) states that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if that person has no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria¹ to assist medical examiners in determining

¹ These criteria may be found in Appendix A to Part 391—Medical Advisory Criteria, section H. *Epilepsy*: § 391.41(b)(8), paragraphs 3, 4, and 5, which is available on the internet at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2015-title49-vol5/pdf/CFR-2015-title49-vol5-part391-appA.pdf>.

whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce.

III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

IV. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the three renewal exemption applications and comments received, FMCSA announces its decision to exempt the following drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in § 391.41(b)(8).

As of January 3, 2024, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following three individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers (89 FR 430):

Phillip Halfmann (WI); Ronald Hartl (WI); and Benjamin Reineke (OH).

The drivers were included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0443, FMCSA–2014–0380, or FMCSA–2021–0025. Their exemptions were applicable as of January 10, 2024 and will expire on January 10, 2026.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b).

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2023–0256]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of applications for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA announces receipt of applications from 11 individuals for an