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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given that FHWA and USFWS have taken final agency actions subject to 23 U.S.C. 139(l)(1) by issuing licenses, permits, and approvals for the following highway project in the State of Hawaii: The Liloa Drive Extension Project will extend Liloa Drive from the vicinity of Ka'ono'ulu Street to the vicinity of East Waipu'ilani Road in Kihei, Maui County. The project increase capacity, improve traffic circulation, alleviate traffic congestion, enhance safety, and provide a corridor complete with pedestrian and bicycle facilities, two (2) modern bridge spans, and related utility and landscaping improvements.

These actions by the Federal agencies, and the laws under which such actions were taken, are described in the combined Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the project, approved on January 12, 2026 and in other documents in the project records. The FEA/FONSI and other project records are available by contacting Maui County Department of Public Works, the Hawaii Department of Transportation or FHWA at the addresses provided above. The FEA/FONSI can be viewed and downloaded from the project website at <https://www.liloadrivextension.com/entitlements-and-project-timeline> or obtained from any contact listed above.

This notice applies to all Federal agency decisions on the project that are final 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 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*); Federal-Aid Highway Act (23 U.S.C. 109, 139, and 128).

2. *Air:* Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401-7671q).

3. *Noise:* Noise Control Act of 1972 (42 U.S.C. 4901-4918); Procedures for Abatement of Highway Traffic Noise and Construction Noise (23 U.S.C. 109(h), 109(i)); 42 U.S.C. 4331, 4332;

sec. 339(b), Public Law 04-59, 109 Stat. 568, 605.

4. *Land:* Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act of 1966 (49 U.S.C. 303; 23 U.S.C. 138); Landscaping and Scenic Enhancement (Wildflowers) (23 U.S.C. 319).

5. *Wildlife:* Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544 and 1536); Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361-1423h); Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (16 U.S.C. 661-667(d)); Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) (16 U.S.C. 703-712); Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), with Essential Fish Habitat requirements (16 U.S.C. 1855(b)(2)).

6. *Historic and Cultural Resources:* Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (54 U.S.C. 306108 *et seq.*); Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1977 (16 U.S.C. 470(aa)-470(mm)); Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act (54 U.S.C. 312501-312508); Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) (25 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*).

7. *Social and Economic:* American Indian Religious Freedom Act (42 U.S.C. 1996); Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA) (7 U.S.C. 4201-4209); the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601 *et seq.*, as amended by the Uniform Relocation Act Amendments of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-17)).

8. *Wetlands and Water Resources:* Coastal Zone Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1451-1464); Land and Water Conservation Fund Act (16 U.S.C. 4601-4604); Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) (42 U.S.C. 300(f)-300(j)-26); Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 401-406); Wetlands Mitigation (23 U.S.C. 119(g) and 133(b)(14)); Flood Disaster Protection Act (42 U.S.C. 4012a, 4106).

9. The analysis pertaining to any applicable Executive Order considered during the environmental review process to the extent such analysis may be challenged in court. Such Executive Orders may include: E.O. 11990 Protection of Wetlands; E.O. 11988 and 13690, Floodplain Management; 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. 13112 Invasive Species.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2006-2585; FMCSA-2013-0106; FMCSA-2013-0108; FMCSA-2015-0117; FMCSA-2019-0028; FMCSA-2023-0038; FMCSA-2023-0039]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders

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

**ACTION:** Notice of renewal of exemptions; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 12 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 are applicable on January 30, 2026. The exemptions expire on January 30, 2028. Comments must be received on or before March 2, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by Docket No. FMCSA-2006-2585, FMCSA-2013-0106, FMCSA-2013-0108, FMCSA-2015-0117, FMCSA-2019-0028, FMCSA-2023-0038, or FMCSA-2023-0039, as appropriate, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number (FMCSA-2006-2585, FMCSA-2013-0106, FMCSA-2013-0108, FMCSA-2015-0117, FMCSA-2019-0028, FMCSA-2023-0038, or FMCSA-2023-0039, as appropriate) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click on the "Comment" button. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail*: Dockets Operations; U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building Ground Floor, Washington, DC 20590-0001.

- *Hand Delivery*: West Building Ground Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal Holidays.

- *Fax*: (202) 493-2251.

To avoid duplication, please use only one of these four methods. See the “Public Participation” portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for instructions on submitting comments.

**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](mailto: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. Submitting Comments*

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA-2006-2585, FMCSA-2013-0106, FMCSA-2013-0108, FMCSA-2015-0117, FMCSA-2019-0028, FMCSA-2023-0038, or FMCSA-2023-0039), indicate the specific section of this document to which each comment applies, and provide a reason for each suggestion or recommendation. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so that FMCSA can contact you if there are questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), insert the docket number (FMCSA-2006-2585, FMCSA-2013-0106, FMCSA-2013-0108, FMCSA-2015-0117, FMCSA-2019-0028, FMCSA-2023-0038, or FMCSA-2023-0039) in the keyword box and click “Search.” Next, sort the results by “Posted (Newer-Older),” choose the first notice listed, click the “Comment” button, and type your comment into the text box on the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

#### *B. Confidential Business Information (CBI)*

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as “PROPIN” to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Brian Dahlin, Chief, Regulatory Evaluation Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001 or via email at [brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov](mailto:brian.g.dahlin@dot.gov). At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

#### *C. Viewing Comments*

To view comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number (FMCSA-2006-2585, FMCSA-2013-0106, FMCSA-2013-0108, FMCSA-2015-0117, FMCSA-2019-0028, FMCSA-2023-0038, or FMCSA-2023-0039) in 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.

#### *D. 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, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL-14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed under the “Department Wide System of Records Notices” link at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

### **II. Legal Basis**

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the 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 the applicant’s safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision 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**

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding seizures and loss of consciousness provides 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 (49 CFR 391.41(b)(8)). To assist in applying this standard, FMCSA publishes guidance for medical examiners (MEs) in the form of medical advisory criteria

in Appendix A to 49 CFR part 391.<sup>1</sup> In 2007, FMCSA published recommendations from a Medical Expert Panel (MEP) that FMCSA tasked to review the existing seizure disorder guidelines for MEs.<sup>2</sup> The MEP performed a comprehensive, systematic literature review, including evidence available at the time. The MEP issued recommended criteria to evaluate whether an individual with a history of epilepsy, a single unprovoked seizure, or a provoked seizure should be allowed to drive a CMV.

On January 15, 2013, FMCSA began granting exemptions, on a case-by-case basis, to individual drivers from the physical qualification standard regarding seizures and loss of consciousness in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) (78 FR 3069). The Agency considers the medical advisory criteria, the 2007 MEP recommendations, any public comments received, and each individual's medical information and driving record in deciding whether to grant the exemption.

The 12 individuals listed in this notice have requested renewal of their exemptions from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), in accordance with FMCSA procedures. Accordingly, FMCSA has evaluated these applications for renewal on their merits and decided to extend each exemption for a renewable 2-year period.

#### IV. Request for Comments

Interested parties or organizations possessing information that would show that any, or all, of these drivers are not currently achieving the statutory level of safety should immediately notify FMCSA. The Agency will evaluate any adverse evidence submitted and, if safety is being compromised or if continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA will take immediate steps to revoke the exemption of a driver.

#### V. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 12 applicants have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders

prohibition. The 12 drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their medical monitoring and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period. In addition, the Agency has reviewed each applicant's certified driving record from their State Driver's Licensing Agency (SDLA). The information obtained from each applicant's driving record provides the Agency with details regarding any moving violations or reported crash data, which demonstrates whether the driver has a safe driving history and is an indicator of future driving performance. If the driving record revealed a crash, FMCSA requested and reviewed the related police reports and other relevant documents, such as the citation and conviction information. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver's ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Accordingly, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to the level of safety that would be achieved without the exemption.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 12 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers.

Eric Barnwell (MI)  
Robert A. Clark (IN)  
Gary Freeman (WI)  
Aaron Gillette (SD)  
Alex Hohman (PA)  
Thomas Johnston (WI)  
Douglas Kelbley (OH)  
Jason Kirkham (WI)  
Eric Langford (KY)  
Brent Mapes (IL)  
Pedro Martinez (TX)  
Ronald Minor (IL)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2006–2585, FMCSA–2013–0106, FMCSA–2013–0108, FMCSA–2015–0117, FMCSA–2019–0028, FMCSA–2023–0038, or FMCSA–2023–0039. Their exemptions are applicable as of January 30, 2026, and will expire on January 30, 2028.

#### VI. Terms and Conditions

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: each driver must (1) remain seizure-free, maintain a stable treatment, and report to FMCSA within 24 hours if they experience a seizure during the 2-year exemption

period; (2) submit to FMCSA annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) undergo an annual medical examination by a certified medical examiner, as defined by 49 CFR 390.5T; (4) provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver's qualification file, or keep a copy in their driver's qualification file if they are self-employed; (5) report to FMCSA the date, time, and location of any crashes, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5T, within 7 days of the crash; (6) report to FMCSA any citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 within 7 days of the citation and conviction; and (7) submit to FMCSA annual certified driving records from their SDLA. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local law enforcement official. In addition, the driver must meet all the applicable commercial driver's license testing requirements. Each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless rescinded earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be rescinded if: (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 before it was 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).

#### VII. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

#### VIII. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 12 exemption renewal applications, FMCSA renews the exemptions of the aforementioned drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8). In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), and FMCSA's policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, each exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA.

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix A to Part 391, Title 49, available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix A to Part 391](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix%20A%20to%20Part%20391).

<sup>2</sup> "Expert Panel Recommendations, Seizure Disorders and Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Safety," Medical Expert Panel (Oct. 15, 2007), available at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2020-04/Seizure-Disorders-MEP-Recommendations-v2-prot%2010152007.pdf>.