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To require all testing relating to the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver's license to be conducted only in English, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. HAGERTY, and Mr. TUBERVILLE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

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 “Secure Commercial
5 Driver Licensing Act of 2025”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

8 (1) **COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE.**—The
9 term “commercial driver's license” has the meaning

1 given the term in section 31301 of title 49, United
2 States Code.

3 (2) DRIVER'S LICENSE.—The term “driver's li-
4 cense” has the meaning given the term in section
5 31301 of title 49, United States Code.

6 (3) NON-DOMICILED CDL.—The term “non-
7 domiciled CDL” means a commercial driver's license
8 issued by a State or other jurisdiction to an indi-
9 vidual who is not domiciled in that State or jurisdic-
10 tion, in accordance with part 383 of title 49, Code
11 of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations).

12 (4) NON-DOMICILED CLP.—The term “non-
13 domiciled CLP” means a commercial learner's per-
14 mit issued by a State or other jurisdiction to an in-
15 dividual who is not domiciled in that State or juris-
16 diction, in accordance with part 383 of title 49,
17 Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regula-
18 tions).

19 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
20 the Secretary of Transportation.

21 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO ADMINISTER DRIVING TESTS IN**
22 **ENGLISH.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31305(a) of title 49,
24 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), in
2 the first sentence, by inserting “(referred to in this
3 section as the ‘Secretary’)” after “Secretary of
4 Transportation”;

5 (2) by redesignating paragraphs (7) and (8) as
6 paragraphs (8) and (9), respectively; and

7 (3) by inserting after paragraph (6) the fol-
8 lowing:

9 “(7) shall require the tests to be administered
10 only in English;”.

11 (b) RULEMAKING.—Not later than 180 days after the
12 date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall promul-
13 gate new, or revise existing, regulations, rules, and docu-
14 ments, as necessary, to ensure that all testing relating to
15 the issuance or renewal of a commercial driver’s license
16 is conducted only in English, including—

17 (1) any tests administered as part of an entry-
18 level driver training program;

19 (2) any knowledge tests relating to the issuance
20 or renewal of a commercial driver’s license; and

21 (3) any tests administered by a third-party
22 training provider included on the training provider
23 registry maintained by the Federal Motor Carrier
24 Safety Administration.

1 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO HOLD DRIVER'S LICENSE BE-**
2 **FORE OBTAINING CDL.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsection (b), begin-
4 ning on the date of enactment of this Act, a commercial
5 driver's license may not be issued to an individual who
6 has not held a driver's license for a period of at least 1
7 year before the date on which the commercial driver's li-
8 cense is issued.

9 (b) EXEMPTION.—Subsection (a) does not apply to
10 an individual who holds a commercial driver's license as
11 of the date of enactment of this Act.

12 **SEC. 5. REVOCATION OF AUTHORITY.**

13 The Secretary may revoke the authority of any State
14 or other jurisdiction to issue non-domiciled CDLs or non-
15 domiciled CLPs if the Secretary determines that the State
16 or other jurisdiction is not in compliance with all applica-
17 ble Federal standards relating to that authority, including
18 the provisions of this Act and any regulations promulgated
19 or revised under this Act.