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HB 1303—MOTOR VEHICLES—EMERGENCY COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE--ESTABLISHMENT

Summary

HB1303 will establish a program to authorize previous holders of a commercial driver’s license to obtain an emergency CDL during a state of emergency. Interested individuals must have held a CDL within the past five years and provide a medical certificate in order to qualify.

Background

The pandemic and new federal regulations have exacerbated the shortage of licensed CDL drivers.

Rationale

HB1303 will not resolve the shortage problem, but it will however provide much needed and timely relief through temporary “intrastate” CDL licenses.

Conclusion

We respectfully request a **favorable report of HB1303** from the Committee and thank you for considering this important legislation.