

CHAPTER 28**(HB 509)**

AN ACT relating to commercial driver's licenses.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. KRS 281A.010 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) "Alcohol" means:
 - (a) Beer, ale, port, or stout and other similar fermented beverages, including sake or similar products, of any name or description containing one-half of one percentum (0.5%) or more of alcohol by volume, brewed or produced from malt, wholly or in part, or from any substitute therefor;
 - (b) Wine of not less than one-half of one percentum (0.5%) of alcohol by volume; or
 - (c) Distilled spirits, which means that substance known as ethyl alcohol, ethanol, or spirits of wine in any form, including all dilutions and mixtures thereof from whatever source or by whatever process produced; or
 - (d) Any substance containing ethyl alcohol, hydrated oxide of ethyl, spirit of wine, or any distilled spirits including, but not limited to, ethanol, methanol, propanol, and isopropanol.
- (2) "Alcohol concentration" means:
 - (a) The number of grams of alcohol per one hundred (100) milliliters of blood;
 - (b) The number of grams of alcohol per two hundred ten (210) liters of breath; or
 - (c) The number of grams of alcohol per sixty-seven (67) milliliters of urine.
- (3) "Cabinet" means the Transportation Cabinet of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- (4) "Commerce" means:
 - (a) Any trade, traffic, or transportation within the jurisdiction of the United States between a place in a state and a place outside of the state, including a place outside of the United States; and
 - (b) Trade, traffic, and transportation in the United States that affects any trade, traffic, and transportation described in paragraph (a) of this subsection.
- (5) "Commercial driver's license," or CDL, means a license issued to an individual in accordance with the requirements of this chapter or, if the license is issued by another state in accordance with the Federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act, to an individual that authorizes the individual to drive any class of commercial motor vehicle.
- (6) "Commercial driver's license information system" or CDLIS means the national information system established to serve as a clearinghouse for locating information related to the licensing and identification of commercial motor vehicle drivers.
- (7) "Commercial driver's instruction permit" means a permit issued pursuant to KRS 281A.120.
- (8) "Commercial motor vehicle," or CMV, means a motor vehicle or combination motor vehicle used in commerce that is:
 - (a) Designed to carry property and has a gross vehicle weight rating as determined by federal regulation which has been adopted into cabinet administrative regulations pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A;
 - (b) Designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver;
 - (c) Transporting hazardous materials and is required to be placarded in accordance with Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172; or
 - (d) Any other vehicle that is required by cabinet administrative regulation, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, to be operated by a licensed commercial driver.
- (9) "Controlled substance" means any substance so classified under Section 102(6) of the Controlled Substances Act, 21 U.S.C. sec. 802(6), and includes all substances listed on Schedules I through V, of Title 21, Code of

Federal Regulations, Part 1308, as adopted by the Transportation Cabinet by administrative regulation pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A. It shall also include those substances defined or listed in KRS Chapter 218A.

- (10) "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law in a court of original jurisdiction or an authorized administrative tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court, a plea of guilty, *a plea of nolo contendere*, or Alford plea entered and accepted by the court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated.
- (11) "Disqualification" means any of the following actions:
 - (a) The suspension, revocation, or cancellation of a CDL by the Commonwealth or the jurisdiction of issuance;
 - (b) Any withdrawal of a person's privilege to drive a commercial motor vehicle by the Commonwealth or another jurisdiction as a result of a violation of state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other than parking, vehicle weight, or vehicle defect violations; or
 - (c) A determination by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that a person is not qualified to operate a commercial motor vehicle under 49 C.F.R. pt. 391.
- (12) "Drive" means to drive, operate, or be in physical control of a motor vehicle.
- (13) "Driver" means any person who drives, operates, or is in physical control of a commercial motor vehicle, or who is required to hold a commercial driver's license.
- (14) "Driver's license" means a license issued by a state to an individual that authorizes the individual to drive a motor vehicle.
- (15) "Employee" means any operator of a commercial motor vehicle, including full-time, regularly employed drivers; casual, intermittent, or occasional drivers; leased drivers and independent, owner-operator contractors while in the course of operating a commercial motor vehicle who are either directly employed by, under lease to, or operating in a manner indicating employment to an employer.
- (16) "Employer" means any person, including the United States, a state, or a political subdivision of a state, who owns or leases a commercial motor vehicle, or assigns a person to drive a commercial motor vehicle.
- (17) "Felony" means any offense under state or federal law that is punishable by death or imprisonment for a term exceeding one (1) year.
- (18) "Gross combination weight rating," or GCWR, is the gross vehicle weight rating of power unit plus the gross vehicle weight rating of any towed unit. In the absence of a value specified by the manufacturer, GCWR shall be determined by adding the gross vehicle weight rating of the power unit and the total weight of the towed unit and load therein.
- (19) "Gross vehicle weight rating," or GVWR, means the value specified by the manufacturer as the maximum loaded weight of a single, a combination or an articulated vehicle.
- (20) "Hazardous materials" means the definition found in Section 103 of the Hazardous Materials Transportation Law, 49 U.S.C. sec. 5101 et seq.
- (21) "Highway" shall include any way or place of any nature when any part of it is open to the use of the public as a matter of right, license, or privilege for the use of vehicular traffic.
- (22) "Imminent hazard" means a condition that presents a substantial likelihood that death, serious illness, severe personal injury, or a danger to health, property, or the environment exists.
- (23) "Moped" shall have the same meaning as in KRS 186.010(5).
- (24) "Motor vehicle" means a vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailer propelled or drawn by mechanical power used on highways, or any other vehicle required to be registered under the laws of this state, but shall not include any vehicle, machine, tractor, trailer, or semitrailers operated exclusively on a rail.
- (25) "NDR" means the national driver register.
- (26) "Out-of-service order" means a declaration by an authorized enforcement officer of a federal, state, Canadian, Mexican, or local jurisdiction that a driver, commercial motor vehicle, or a motor carrier operation is out of

service pursuant to 49 C.F.R. sec. 386.72, 392.5, 395.13, or 396.9; comparable laws or regulations; or the North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria.

- (27) "Resident" means a person who has established Kentucky as his or her state of domicile. Proof of residency shall include but not be limited to a deed or property tax bill, utility agreement or utility bill, or rental housing agreement.
- (28) "School bus" means a vehicle that meets the specification of KRS 156.153 used to transport preprimary, primary, or secondary school students between school and home, or to and from school-sponsored events. A school bus shall not include a bus used as a common carrier.
- (29) "Serious traffic violation" means a conviction when operating a commercial motor vehicle of:
- (a) Excessive speeding, involving a single charge of any speed fifteen (15) miles per hour or more, above the specified speed limit;
 - (b) Reckless driving, as defined under state or local law, including conviction of driving a commercial motor vehicle in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property;
 - (c) Improper or erratic traffic lane changes;
 - (d) Following the vehicle ahead too closely;
 - (e) A violation of any state or local law related to motor vehicle traffic control, other than a parking violation, arising in connection with a fatal accident;
 - (f) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL;
 - (g) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without a CDL in one's possession or refusing to display a CDL upon request;
 - (h) Driving a commercial motor vehicle without the proper class of CDL or endorsements, or both, for the specific vehicle type or types being operated or for the passengers or type or types of cargo being transported; or
 - (i) Any conviction of an offense that requires mandatory suspension under KRS 186.560 or a serious violation as defined by Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 383 or as amended by the Federal Highway Administration.
- (30) "State" means a state of the United States and the District of Columbia.
- (31) "State police" means the Department of State Police of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
- (32) ***"Vehicle" means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn along a public highway, except devices moved by human or animal power, used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, or which derives its power from overhead wires.***

Section 2. KRS 281A.050 is amended to read as follows:

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

- (1) Drivers of firefighting and other emergency equipment;
- (2) Drivers of ***commercial motor***~~[military]~~ vehicles if those persons are:
 - (a) Military personnel~~[in uniform]~~; ***and***
 - (b) Operating the vehicles in pursuit of a military purpose;~~[and~~
 - ~~(c) Properly licensed by the military;]~~
- (3) Drivers of ***farm*** vehicles that are:
 - (a) Used ***to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, or farm supplies to or from a farm***~~[exclusively in farm to market agricultural transportation];~~
 - (b) ***Not used in the operations of a common or contract motor carrier***~~[Operated in private carriage];~~
 - (c) Used within one hundred fifty (150) highway miles of the ***farmer's farm***~~[point of origin];~~ and

(d) Controlled and operated by a **farmer, including operation by**~~farmer's~~ employees or family members~~if the motor vehicle is controlled by a farmer~~; and

(4) Drivers of vehicles that:

- (a) Are designed as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, or travel use; and
- (b) Operate on their own motor power or are mounted on or drawn by another vehicle.

Section 3. KRS 281A.080 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Each employer shall require the applicant to provide the information specified in KRS 281A.070. He shall inform the applicant that the information provided may be used or the applicant's previous employers may be contacted for the purpose of investigating the applicant's work history.
- (2) No employer shall knowingly allow, permit, or authorize a driver to drive a commercial vehicle during any period in which the driver:
 - (a) Has had his commercial driver's license suspended, revoked, or canceled by any state;
 - (b) Is currently disqualified from driving a commercial vehicle;
 - (c) Is subject to an out of service order in any state;
 - (d) Has more than one (1) driver's license;~~or~~
 - (e) Does not currently hold a valid commercial driver's license; **or**
 - (f) ***Is in violation of any of the railroad crossing offenses or conduct set forth in KRS 189.500, 189.560, or 189.565.***

Section 4. KRS 281A.150 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Every person seeking a commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction permit shall first apply in person to the circuit clerk of the county in which the applicant resides or in the county where the person is enrolled in a driver training school if the applicant is not a resident. The application shall be in the form prescribed by KRS 281A.140 as provided by the cabinet. Except as provided in KRS 281A.160(6), each time a person applies for a commercial driver's license, an instruction permit, or seeks to upgrade or change his commercial driver's license, the person shall be required to:
 - (a) Update the application; and
 - (b) Submit the appropriate fee to the circuit clerk.
- (2) The cabinet shall set fees by administrative regulation, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A, for the following applications that shall not exceed:
 - (a) ***Except as provided in paragraph (g) of this subsection***, forty dollars (\$40) for each application for a commercial driver's license. The fee shall be based on the class, type of license, endorsement, restriction, or tests to be taken;
 - (b) Thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each application for a commercial driver's instruction permit;
 - (c) Fifteen dollars (\$15) for each application for a change or addition in class or type of license, endorsement, or restriction;
 - (d) Forty dollars (\$40) for each application for a duplicate if it is the first duplicate applied for within the time period for which the original license was issued. Sixty dollars (\$60) for a second or subsequent duplicate applied for within the time period for which the original license was issued. The fees required for a duplicate shall be in addition to fees charged under subsection (2)(c) of this section;
 - (e) Thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each application for renewal of a commercial driver's license;
 - (f) Sixty dollars (\$60) for each application for a transfer of a commercial driver's license; and
 - (g) Twenty dollars (\$20) for each application for ***an initial and renewal***~~a~~ commercial driver's license with an "S" ***endorsement***~~restriction for the following persons:~~
 - 1. ~~A person who operates a school bus;~~

- ~~2. A person who is employed by a mass transit authority created under the provisions of KRS Chapter 96A;~~
- ~~3. A person who drives a vehicle that is operated under a nonprofit bus certificate established pursuant to KRS 281.619;~~
- ~~4. A person who drives a vehicle registered pursuant to KRS 186.050(6); or~~
- ~~5. A person who drives a fixed route bus system vehicle that is operated by a public entity pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 281.~~
- (3) All fees remitted to the clerk shall be nonrefundable regardless of whether the applicant completes the requirements for a commercial driver's license or is tested.
- (4) All fees collected for the issuance of a commercial driver's license or a commercial driver's instruction permit shall be deposited into trust and agency accounts to be used exclusively for the administration and implementation of this chapter, except as prescribed in subsection (5) of this section. The accounts shall not lapse but shall be continuing from year to year.
- (5) All fees collected pursuant to this section, shall be allocated between the Transportation Cabinet and Department of State Police, except a fifty cent (\$0.50) issuance fee shall be allocated during the first two (2) years following the effective date of January 1, 1991, to the Administrative Office of the Courts in a trust and agency account for the use of the circuit clerks and thereafter allocated to the general fund from issuance of a commercial driver's license permit. A three dollar (\$3) issuance fee shall be allocated during the first two (2) years following the effective date of January 1, 1991, to the Administrative Office of the Courts in a trust and agency account for the use of the circuit clerks and thereafter allocated to the general fund from issuance of a commercial driver's license.
- (6) Any applicant who seeks reinstatement of his commercial driving privilege after a suspension, withdrawal, revocation, or disqualification shall pay a reinstatement fee of fifty dollars (\$50) in addition to those fees required by subsection (2) of this section and shall satisfy the requirements of KRS 281A.160. This fee shall not be required if his commercial driving privilege was withdrawn only as a result of the withdrawal of his privilege to drive a noncommercial motor vehicle.

Section 5. KRS 281A.160 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) (a) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, the State Police shall be responsible for administering both the knowledge and skills test required by KRS 281A.130.
- (b) Applicants who fail the written knowledge test shall be permitted to retake the written test on the next day the tests are administered. Applicants who fail the written test six (6) times shall be required to wait three (3) days before taking the knowledge test again. Applicants who subsequently fail the written test three (3) additional times shall be required to wait three (3) days prior to retaking the test.
- (2) (a) Except as provided for in subsection (3) of this section, at the time a CDL permit is issued:
1. An applicant who has held a Kentucky operator's license for thirty (30) days or longer shall pay a skills-testing fee of fifty dollars (\$50); and
 2. An applicant who has held a Kentucky operator's license for less than thirty (30) days shall pay a skills-testing fee of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
- (b) There is created within the State Treasury a trust fund to be known as the State Police CDL skills-testing fund. The fund shall be administered by the State Police and shall receive all skills-testing and retesting fees collected under subsections (2)(a) and (6)(c) of this section, in addition to any grants, gifts, or appropriations of state or federal moneys and any interest earned on moneys in the fund. Moneys in the fund shall not lapse and shall be carried forward to the next succeeding fiscal year. The State Police CDL skills-testing fund shall be used by the State Police to contract with and train civilian CDL skills examiners and to improve the logistics of the CDL skills-testing process.
- (c) The State Police, upon request of an applicant who has passed both the vision and knowledge tests, may schedule the applicant for the skills test at the first available test date at a test site designated by the State Police but not less than ten (10) days after the applicant has filed the application and been issued a CDL permit. Except in extenuating circumstances, a retest for a failed portion of the skills test shall be given within three (3) days of a request of a retest.

- (d) An applicant shall provide a class representative commercial vehicle, for the class of CDL for which the applicant is testing, in which to take the skills test. Unless the State Police grant an exemption at the time the application for testing is made, the vehicle supplied under this paragraph shall be unloaded. Upon arrival for the skills test, the applicant shall have in his or her possession a valid Kentucky operator's license, a valid CDL permit, and a current U.S. Department of Transportation physical card. A CDL-licensed driver who is at least twenty-one (21) years old shall accompany the applicant at all times the applicant is in operation of a commercial vehicle.
- (3) A testing fee shall not be charged to an individual applying for a CDL with an "S" ~~endorsement~~~~restriction~~ as defined in KRS 281A.170.
- (4) The State Police may authorize a third party to administer the skills test specified by this section if:
 - (a) The test is the same that would otherwise be administered by the state; and
 - (b) The third party has entered into an agreement with this Commonwealth which complies with requirements of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 383.75, as adopted by the Transportation Cabinet.
- (5) The State Police shall promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A that establish procedures that ensure an arm's-length relationship is maintained between a third-party tester and any owner, officer, or employee of any program offering commercial truck driving under the Kentucky Community and Technical College System or a proprietary school licensed under KRS Chapter 165A.
- (6)
 - (a) Applicants shall be permitted to take the skills test for a particular class vehicle an unlimited number of times; however, an applicant shall not retest more than one (1) time in any twenty-four (24) hour period.
 - (b) The skills test shall consist of three (3) separate portions: pre-trip inspection, basic maneuvering, and road skills. An applicant must achieve a score of at least eighty percent (80%) on each portion of the skills test before a CDL may be issued to the applicant. An applicant who passes one (1) or more portions of the skills test but does not pass all portions of the skills test shall retest only on those portions of the skills test the applicant failed.
 - (c) An applicant who fails any portion of the skills test four (4) times shall be notified by the State Police that the applicant is required to wait one (1) week and pay a retest fee of fifty dollars (\$50) before retaking a portion of this skills test again.
 - (d) Failure of an applicant to notify the State Police prior to missing an appointment for a skills test shall be considered a failure, on all parts of the skills test scheduled to be given, for the purposes of determining number of failures, waiting periods, and retesting fees under paragraph (c) of this subsection for individual applicants. A missed appointment failure under this paragraph shall not be reported as a failure to the board.
 - (e) The provisions of KRS 281A.150 notwithstanding, an application fee shall not be charged for each test that is retaken as a result of a failing score.
- (7) An applicant who seeks reinstatement of a commercial driver's license after a suspension, withdrawal, revocation, or disqualification of less than one (1) year shall pay the reinstatement fee as prescribed by KRS 281A.150(6) and shall receive his commercial driver's license with all endorsement and restrictions that were in effect at the time of suspension. An applicant who seeks reinstatement of a commercial driver's license after a suspension, withdrawal, revocation, or disqualification of one (1) year or more shall submit to the skills, knowledge, and vision tests.
- (8)
 - (a) The commissioner of the Kentucky State Police shall promulgate administrative regulations pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 13A to implement the provisions of this section.
 - (b) Within ninety (90) days of April 22, 2006, the State Police shall promulgate administrative regulations under KRS Chapter 13A to set forth the qualifications for contract examiners retained under subsection (2)(b) of this section.

Section 6. KRS 281A.170 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The commercial driver's license shall be marked "commercial driver's license" and "CDL" and shall be, to the maximum extent practicable, tamper proof. It shall include but is not limited to the following information:
 - (a) The name and present resident address of the licensee;

- (b) The licensee's color photograph;
 - (c) A physical description of the licensee including sex, height, weight, and eye color;
 - (d) The licensee's date of birth;
 - (e) The licensee's signature;
 - (f) The class or type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles that the person is authorized to drive together with any endorsements or restrictions;
 - (g) The name of this state;
 - (h) The dates between which the license is valid; and
 - (i) Any other information required by the cabinet, except for a person's Social Security number.
- (2) A commercial driver's license shall be issued with classifications, endorsements, and restrictions. Vehicles that require an endorsement shall not be driven unless the proper endorsement appears on the license and the applicant has passed the knowledge and skills test required by the State Police.
- (a) Classifications:
 - 1. Class A - Any combination of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds or more, if the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicle being towed is in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds. Licensees with an "A" classification may with the proper endorsement drive Class B and C vehicles.
 - 2. Class B - Any single vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating of twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds or more, and any vehicle towing a vehicle not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds. Licensees with a "B" classification may with the proper endorsements drive Class C vehicles.
 - 3. Class C - Any single vehicle with a gross weight rating of less than twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds or any vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating not in excess of ten thousand (10,000) pounds which includes:
 - a. Vehicles designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver; or
 - b. Vehicles used in the transportation of hazardous materials which requires the vehicle to be placarded under Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 172, sub-part F, as adopted by administrative regulations of the cabinet, pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.
 - 4. Class D - All other vehicles not listed in any other class.
 - 5. Class E - Moped only.
 - 6. Class M - Motorcycles. Licensees with a "M" classification may also drive Class E vehicles.
 - (b) Endorsements:
 - 1. "H" - Authorizes the driver to operate a vehicle transporting hazardous materials.
 - 2. "T" - Authorizes operation of double trailers and triple trailers in those jurisdictions allowing the operation of triple trailers.
 - 3. "P" - Authorizes operation of vehicles carrying passengers.
 - 4. "N" - Authorizes operation of tank vehicles.
 - 5. "X" - Authorizes operation of combination of hazardous materials and tank vehicle endorsements.
 - 6. "R" - Authorizes operation of all other endorsements not otherwise specified.
 - 7. "S" - Authorizes operation of school buses.
 - (c) Restrictions:
 - 1. "K" - Restricts the driver to operation of vehicles not equipped with airbrakes.
 - 2. "I" - Restricts the driver to Kentucky intrastate commerce driving.

3. ~~["S" - Restricts the driver to school buses, church buses, buses operated by a mass transit authority created under the provisions of KRS Chapter 96A, buses operated under a nonprofit bus certificate established pursuant to KRS 281.619, and fixed route buses operated by a public entity pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 281.~~
 4. ~~]"L" - Shall not include a Class "A" bus.~~
 - 4.~~5.]~~ "J" - Shall not include a Class "A" or "B" bus.
 - 5.~~6.]~~ "O" - Shall not include tractor, semitrailer style vehicles.
 - 6.~~7.]~~ "Z" - Exempt intracity zones for commercial vehicles.
 - 7.~~8.]~~ "0-9" - Other restrictions.
 - 8.~~9.]~~ "A" - Restricts the driver to operation of vehicles equipped with an automatic transmission because the person conducted the required skills test in a commercial vehicle equipped with an automatic transmission. A person wanting to remove this restriction in order to operate a vehicle with a manual transmission shall be required to successfully complete a skills test while operating a commercial vehicle equipped with a manual transmission.
- (3) Within ten (10) days after issuing a commercial driver's license, the cabinet shall notify the commercial driver's license information system of that fact, providing all information required to ensure identification of the person.
 - (4) A commercial driver's license issued to a resident pursuant to this chapter shall expire in four (4) years unless the license was issued to a resident under the age of twenty-one (21). A commercial driver's license issued to a person who is not a resident shall be issued for one (1) year and shall not be renewable. The fee for a commercial driver's license issued to a nonresident shall be the same as the fee charged to a resident.
 - (5) A person under the age of twenty-one (21) shall not be licensed to operate a Class A, B, or C vehicle unless he has an "I" restriction. A commercial driver with an "I" restriction shall not drive a commercial motor vehicle in interstate commerce, unless he is exempt pursuant to 49 C.F.R. 391.2. A commercial driver under the age of twenty-one (21) shall not be allowed to operate a school bus or a vehicle transporting hazardous material in intrastate commerce.
 - (6) The holder of a commercial driver's license shall be considered to hold a valid Kentucky driver's license issued under the provisions of KRS 186.412.

Section 7. KRS 281A.190 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) A person who holds or is required to hold a CDL shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of one (1) year if convicted of:
 - (a) Driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance;
 - (b) Driving or being in physical control of a motor vehicle while the alcohol concentration of the person's blood or breath or urine is four hundredths (0.04) or more;
 - (c) Leaving the scene of an accident involving a motor vehicle driven by a person who holds or is required to hold a CDL;
 - (d) Using a motor vehicle in the commission of any felony listed in KRS 186.560;
 - (e) Refusing to submit to testing as required by KRS 281A.220 when driving a motor vehicle;
 - (f) Committing a first violation of driving a commercial motor vehicle while the person's commercial driver's license is revoked, suspended, or canceled, or when the person is disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle; or
 - (g) Causing a fatality through negligent or criminal operation of a commercial motor vehicle.
- (2) A person who holds or is required to hold a CDL shall be disqualified for life if convicted of two (2) or more violations of any of the offenses specified in subsection (1) of this section or any combination of those offenses, arising from two (2) or more separate incidents. The provisions of this subsection shall only apply to convictions that occurred after the disqualification dates established by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration. The Transportation Cabinet shall set forth those dates in an administrative regulation promulgated pursuant to KRS Chapter 13A.

- (3) If any violation specified in subsection (1) of this section occurred while transporting a hazardous material required to be placarded, the person who holds or is required to hold a CDL shall be disqualified for a period of three (3) years.
- (4) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, a period of suspension, revocation, or disqualification imposed under the provisions of this chapter shall not be reduced. However, in accordance with the provisions of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 383, the cabinet may establish guidelines including conditions under which a disqualification of not less than ten (10) years may be imposed.
- (5) A person who holds or is required to hold a CDL shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for life who uses a commercial motor vehicle in the commission of any felony involving the manufacture, distribution, or dispensing of a controlled substance, or possession with intent to manufacture, distribute, or dispense a controlled substance.
- (6) A person who holds or is required to hold a CDL shall be disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of sixty (60) days if convicted of two (2) serious traffic violations, or one hundred twenty (120) days *consecutively* if convicted of three (3) serious traffic violations, committed in a commercial motor vehicle arising from separate incidents occurring within a three (3) year period.
- (7) A person who holds or is required to hold a CDL shall be disqualified for the first offense from driving a commercial motor vehicle for six (6) months if the person has been convicted of committing any of those offenses enumerated in KRS 186.610 involving a commercial motor vehicle, commercial driver's license, or application for that license. For the second and each subsequent offense, the person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of one (1) year.
- (8) The cabinet shall deny a person a commercial driver's license or shall suspend, revoke, or cancel his commercial driving privilege, subject to a hearing conducted in accordance with KRS 189A.107, when the cabinet has reason to believe that the person refused to submit to a test to determine his alcohol concentration while driving a commercial motor vehicle.
- (9) If a person who holds or is required to hold a CDL is convicted of any of the railroad crossing offenses or conduct enumerated in KRS 189.500, 189.560, and 189.565, then the person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of:
 - (a) Sixty (60) days for the first offense;
 - (b) One hundred twenty (120) days for the second offense within a three (3) year period; and
 - (c) One (1) year for the third or subsequent offense within a three (3) year period.
- (10) If a person who holds or is required to hold a CDL violates an out-of-service order while transporting nonhazardous materials, then the person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of:
 - (a) Ninety (90) days for the first offense;
 - (b) One (1) year for the second offense in a separate incident within a ten (10) year period; and
 - (c) Three (3) years for the third or subsequent offense in a separate incident within a ten (10) year period.
- (11) If a person who holds or is required to hold a CDL violates an out-of-service order while transporting hazardous materials required to be placarded under the 49 U.S.C. sec. 5101 et seq., or operating a commercial motor vehicle designed to transport sixteen (16) or more passengers, including the driver, then the person shall be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for a period of:
 - (a) One hundred eighty (180) days for the first offense; and
 - (b) Three (3) years for the second or subsequent offense in a separate incident within a ten (10) year period.
- (12) After disqualifying a commercial driver's license holder or suspending, revoking, or canceling a commercial driver's license, the Transportation Cabinet shall update its records to reflect that action within ten (10) days of receipt. After disqualifying a commercial driver's license holder or suspending, revoking, or canceling an out-of-state commercial driver's license holder's privilege to operate a commercial motor vehicle for at least sixty (60) days, the Transportation Cabinet shall notify the licensing authority of the state which issued the

commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit with this information within ten (10) days. The notification shall include both the disqualification and the violation that resulted in the disqualification, suspension, cancellation, or revocation.

- (13) Upon notice from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that a driver has been determined to be an imminent hazard and has been disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle, the cabinet shall act in accordance with the provisions of 49 C.F.R. sec. 383.52. The cabinet shall notify the driver of the disqualification, which shall not exceed one (1) year in duration, and of the right to appeal to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in accordance with 49 C.F.R. sec. 383.52.

Section 8. KRS 281A.240 is amended to read as follows:

- (1) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, a person may drive a commercial motor vehicle in this state if the person has a valid commercial driver's license or commercial driver's license instruction permit issued by any state, *Canada, or Mexico* in accordance with the minimum federal standards for the issuance of commercial motor vehicle driver's license, if the person's driving privilege is not suspended, revoked, or canceled; and if the person is not disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle or subject to an out-of-service order.
- (2) The Commonwealth of Kentucky shall give all out-of-state convictions full faith and credit and treat them for sanctioning purposes under this chapter as if they occurred in this state. Except as otherwise provided, when in this chapter reference is made to an offense which is a violation of a provision of this chapter or other Kentucky state law, the reference shall be deemed to include offenses under any local ordinance, any federal law, any law or local ordinance of another state substantially similar to any provision of the Kentucky Revised Statutes.

Section 9. KRS 281A.270 is amended to read as follows:

The Transportation Cabinet may adopt in whole or in part those federally mandated requirements set forth in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 383, notwithstanding the fact that the provisions may conflict with other provisions of this chapter. ~~The authority granted in this section shall expire January 1, 1992.~~

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