HOW TO OBTAIN AN ENTRY-LEVEL COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LICENSE UNDER FEDERAL LAW

For an 18-20 year old entering the workforce

The trucking industry is facing a massive driver shortage that’s affecting the movement of commerce in our country. Estimates show trucking companies will need to hire an additional 890,000 drivers over the next decade. The DRIVE-Safe Act (H.R. 5358) creates a pathway to both qualify more drivers for the trucking profession and instill a culture of safety.

**NOW**

- 18 years old
- Pass a written exam
- Pass a driver’s test
- Driver can make a **744 mile trip** from Houston to El Paso, Texas.

**Cannot cross state lines.**
Making a **14 mile trip** from Washington D.C. to Springfield, Virginia illegal.

**DRIVE-SAFE ACT (H.R. 5358)**

- 18 years old
- Pass a written exam
- Pass a driver’s test
- Log **400 hours of on-duty training**
- Log **240 hours of driving time with an experienced driver in the cab**
- Trucks used for training must be equipped with safety technology:
  - Active braking collision mitigation systems,
  - Video event capture, and
  - Speed governor set at 65 miles per hour or below
- Driver can participate in interstate commerce, upon successful completion of the training.
- Driver is able to make a **14 mile trip** from Washington D.C. to Springfield, Virginia.

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