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H. R. 3608

To amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the requirement to test drivers of commercial motor vehicles for English proficiency, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 23, 2025

Mr. TAYLOR (for himself, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. VAN DUYNÉ, and Mr. FINSTAD) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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 “Connor’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING MINIMUM LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR COM-**
6 **MERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31308(1) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (B) by inserting “and” at
4 the end; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) can read and speak the English lan-
7 guage sufficiently to—

8 “(i) converse with the general public;

9 “(ii) understand highway traffic signs
10 and signals in the English language;

11 “(iii) respond to official inquiries; and

12 “(iv) make entries on reports and
13 records;”.

14 (b) OUT-OF-SERVICE ORDER FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
15 WITH MINIMUM LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT.—

16 (1) DECLARATION OF OUT OF SERVICE.—An
17 individual operating a commercial motor vehicle who
18 is determined by an authorized enforcement officer
19 to be noncompliant with section 391.11(b)(2) of title
20 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or any successor
21 regulation), shall be declared out of service.

22 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
23 paragraph (1) shall be construed to change, limit, or
24 otherwise impact out-of-service orders that are—

25 (A) not covered under paragraph (1); and

1 (B) carried out pursuant to applicable
2 Federal law, Federal regulation, or the North
3 American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria.

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