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# H. R. 5656

To amend title 49, United States Code, to grant the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico eligibility to issue commercial driver’s licenses, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Ms. PLASKETT (for herself, Mr. HERNÁNDEZ, and Mr. EDWARDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

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## 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. APPLICATION OF COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHI-**  
4 **CLE SAFETY.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—Section 31301(14) of title 49,  
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by striking “and” and inserting a comma;

8 and

1           (2) by inserting “, and the United States Virgin  
2 Islands and Puerto Rico” before the period.

3           (b) PENALTY.—Section 165(c) of title 49, United  
4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
5 lowing:

6           “(8) PENALTY.—The amounts treated as being  
7 apportioned to the United States Virgin Islands  
8 under this subsection shall be deemed to be required  
9 to be apportioned to the United States Virgin Is-  
10 lands under that section for purposes of the imposi-  
11 tion of any penalty under this title or title 49.”.

12          (c) IMPLEMENTATION.—The Administrator of the  
13 Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration shall work  
14 with the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico on  
15 obtaining full compliance with chapter 313 of title 49,  
16 United States Code, and regulations adopted under such  
17 chapter.

18          (d) GRACE PERIOD.—Notwithstanding section  
19 31311(a) of title 49, United States Code, during a 5-year  
20 period beginning on the date of enactment of this Act, the  
21 United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico shall not  
22 be subject to a withholding of an apportionment of funds  
23 under paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 104(b) of title  
24 23, United States Code, for failure to comply with any

1 requirement under section 31311(a) of title 49, United  
2 States Code.

