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S. 1284

To permanently extend the exemption from the engine compartment portion of the pre-trip vehicle inspection skills testing requirement for school bus drivers, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 3, 2025

Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Ms. BALDWIN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. KELLY, and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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 the “Driving Forward Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PERMANENT EXTENSION OF EXEMPTION FROM**
2 **UNDER-THE-HOOD INSPECTION TESTING RE-**
3 **QUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS.**

4 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The Secretary of Transportation
5 shall make permanent the exemption relating to pre-trip
6 vehicle inspection skills test requirements for certain
7 school bus drivers, as published in the Federal Register
8 on December 2, 2024 (89 Fed. Reg. 95348), including the
9 terms and conditions of the exemption described in para-
10 graphs 2., 3., 4., 5., and 6. of section VII. B. of the notice
11 granting the exemption (89 Fed. Reg. 95351).

12 (b) **REPORTING.**—For the 6-year period beginning on
13 the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Trans-
14 portation shall require any State that participates in the
15 exemption described in subsection (a) to submit to the
16 Secretary an annual report for each those 6 years describ-
17 ing the number of drivers that obtain a commercial driv-
18 ers' license under such exemption in the State.

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