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# S. 2114

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 18, 2025

Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

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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. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Commercial Motor Ve-  
5 hicle English Proficiency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATOR TEST-**  
7 **ING REQUIREMENTS.**

8 (a) TESTING STANDARDS.—Section 31305(a) of title  
9 49, United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (4), by redesignating subpara-  
2 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-  
3 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

4 (2) in paragraph (5)—

5 (A) in subparagraph (B), by redesignating  
6 clauses (i) through (iv) as subclauses (I)  
7 through (IV), respectively, and indenting the  
8 subclauses appropriately; and

9 (B) by redesignating subparagraphs (A)  
10 through (C) as clauses (i) through (iii), respec-  
11 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

12 (3) in paragraph (8), by redesignating subpara-  
13 graphs (A) and (B) as clauses (i) and (ii), respec-  
14 tively, and indenting the clauses appropriately;

15 (4) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through  
16 (8) as subparagraphs (A) through (H), respectively,  
17 and indenting the subparagraphs appropriately;

18 (5) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A)  
19 (as so redesignated)—

20 (A) in the second sentence, by striking

21 “The regulations” and inserting the following:

22 “(2) REQUIREMENTS.—The regulations under  
23 paragraph (1)”;

1           (B) in the first sentence, by striking “The  
2           Secretary of Transportation shall prescribe reg-  
3           ulations on” and inserting the following:

4           “(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transpor-  
5           tation (referred to in this section as the ‘Secretary’)  
6           shall prescribe regulations establishing”; and

7           (6) by adding at the end the following:

8           “(3) ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.—

9           “(A) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any  
10          other provision of law (including regulations),  
11          effective beginning on the date that is 2 years  
12          after the date of enactment of the Commercial  
13          Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act, an indi-  
14          vidual shall not be eligible to pass a knowledge  
15          test, in written, verbal, or automated format,  
16          under this subsection, or to receive a certifi-  
17          cation of fitness to operate a commercial motor  
18          vehicle, unless the individual demonstrates the  
19          ability to understand in English the basic infor-  
20          mation needed to effectively operate, and to  
21          communicate in English while operating, a com-  
22          mercial motor vehicle, including—

23                       “(i) reading and understanding traffic  
24                       signs in English;

1           “(ii) communicating in English with  
2           traffic safety officers, border patrol agents,  
3           agricultural checkpoint officers, and cargo  
4           weight-limit station personnel; and

5           “(iii) providing and receiving feedback  
6           and directions in English.

7           “(B) PROHIBITION.—Notwithstanding any  
8           other provision of law (including regulations),  
9           effective beginning on the date that is 2 years  
10          after the date of enactment of the Commercial  
11          Motor Vehicle English Proficiency Act, a knowl-  
12          edge test, in written, verbal, or automated for-  
13          mat, under this subsection may not be adminis-  
14          tered in any language other than English.”.

15          (b) AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS.—The Secretary  
16          of Transportation shall modify the regulations contained  
17          in part 383 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as  
18          the Secretary of Transportation determines to be nec-  
19          essary to implement this section and the amendments  
20          made by this section by the date that is 2 years after the  
21          date of enactment of this Act.

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