

HOUSE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
HOUSE BILL 48

51ST LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2014

AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES; AMENDING THE NEW
MEXICO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT; PROVIDING FOR RETESTING
OF THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TESTS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 66-5-60 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,
Chapter 14, Section 9, as amended) is amended to read:

"66-5-60. COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE--QUALIFICATIONS--
STANDARDS.--

A. The division shall not issue a commercial
driver's license to a person unless that person can establish
that New Mexico is the person's state of domicile and has
passed a knowledge test and a skills test for driving a
commercial motor vehicle and, for related endorsements, has
passed a medical fitness test and has satisfied any other

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1 requirements of the New Mexico Commercial Driver's License Act.

2 B. The division may authorize a person, including
3 an agency of this or another state, an employer, a private
4 driver-training facility or other private institution or a
5 department, agency or instrumentality of local government to
6 administer the skills test or knowledge test specified by this
7 section.

8 C. A commercial driver's license applicant [~~shall~~
9 ~~not take a test specified in this section more than three times~~
10 ~~within one year~~] who does not pass the knowledge test or skills
11 test or may retake the:

12 (1) knowledge test no more than twice a week;

13 and

14 (2) skills test no more than three times a
15 year.

16 D. A commercial driver's license applicant who has
17 failed the knowledge test five times shall complete a
18 commercial driving training program before the applicant may
19 retake the failed knowledge test.

20 [~~D.~~] E. If the department determines that a
21 commercial driver's license applicant has committed an offense
22 in taking a test specified in this section, the division shall
23 not issue a commercial driver's license to that applicant
24 within one year of the department's determination."