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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs

Introduced by:
(VA)

**AN ACT WAIVING THE COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE
KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TEST FOR VETERANS WITH
EQUIVALENT MILITARY LICENSES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 14-44e of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2013*):

4 (c) The commissioner may waive the skills test required under
5 subsection (a) of this section in the case of an applicant for a
6 commercial driver's license who meets the requirements of 49 CFR
7 383.77, as amended or, in the case of an applicant for a school bus
8 endorsement who meets the requirements of 49 CFR 383.123, as
9 amended. The commissioner may waive the knowledge and skills test
10 required under subsection (a) of this section in the case of an applicant
11 for a commercial driver's license who: (1) Is a member or uniformed
12 employee of the armed forces of the United States or Connecticut
13 National Guard, who has been separated from such service or
14 employment within ninety days preceding the date of application for a
15 commercial driver's license or a current member of the Connecticut

16 National Guard; (2) has stated, under oath, that he or she has been
17 regularly employed in a position in the armed forces of the United
18 States or Connecticut National Guard requiring operation of a
19 commercial motor vehicle representative of the class of commercial
20 motor vehicle for which the applicant is applying for at least two years
21 immediately preceding the date of the commercial driver's license
22 application in the case of current National Guard members, or the date
23 the applicant separated from military service or employment; (3)
24 provides documentation of military experience and training including,
25 but not limited to, the class of motor vehicle the waiver applicant was
26 authorized to drive for the last two years of military service or
27 employment; and (4) holds a military license authorizing operation of
28 military vehicles that are representative of the class of commercial
29 motor vehicle the applicant is applying for or was exempt from the
30 provisions of subsection (a) of this section pursuant to subdivision (2)
31 or (3) of subsection (b) of section 14-44a. The commissioner, in
32 consultation with the Commissioner of Veterans' Affairs and the
33 Adjutant General of the Military Department, may adopt regulations,
34 in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, to establish the
35 requirements and procedures for obtaining such waiver.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>October 1, 2013</i>	14-44e(c)
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Statement of Purpose:

To increase job opportunities available to veterans by allowing an exemption from the commercial driver's license skills and knowledge test for veterans with an equivalent military license.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]