



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 334

LCO No. 2477



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO MAKE PREPARING FOR
AND TAKING THE COMMERCIAL LEARNER PERMIT KNOWLEDGE
TEST AVAILABLE FOR INCARCERATED PERSONS.**

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section,
2 "disqualification" has the same meaning as provided in section 14-1 of
3 the general statutes.

4 (b) On or before January 1, 2023, the Commissioner of Correction, in
5 consultation with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, shall establish a
6 program to make preparation materials and instruction for and
7 administration of the commercial driver's license knowledge test
8 available to incarcerated persons who are reentering the community in
9 six months or less and are not subject to disqualification from driving a
10 commercial motor vehicle or subject to suspension, revocation or
11 cancellation of operating privileges in any state. The Commissioner of
12 Correction shall partner with one or more nonprofit organizations to
13 provide such preparation materials and instruction to such persons
14 through distance learning. The Commissioners of Correction and Motor

15 Vehicles shall jointly provide for the electronic administration of the
16 commercial driver's license knowledge test in any institution or facility
17 of the Department of Correction.

18 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) On or before October 1, 2022, the
19 Commissioner of Correction shall issue a request for proposals to
20 nonprofit organizations for the provision of preparation materials and
21 instruction for the commercial driver's license knowledge test to
22 incarcerated persons through distance learning.

23 Sec. 3. (*Effective from passage*) The Commissioner of Motor Vehicles
24 shall expand the administration of the commercial driver's license
25 knowledge test in order to assist in the implementation of the program
26 described in section 1 of this act. Not later than October 1, 2022, the
27 commissioner shall submit a report recommending a level of staffing
28 and funding needed for such expansion to the joint standing committee
29 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
30 transportation, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the
31 general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Department of Correction to establish a program to make preparation materials for and administration of the commercial driver's license knowledge test available to certain incarcerated persons.

[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.]