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AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES; CHANGING THE NUMBER OF TIMES AN APPLICANT MAY TAKE THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TEST.

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.--

The division shall not issue a commercial driver's license to a person unless that person is a resident of New Mexico and has passed a knowledge and skills test for driving a commercial motor vehicle and for related endorsements, has passed a medical fitness test and has satisfied any other requirements of the New Mexico Commercial Driver's License Act.

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| B. The division may authorize a person, including            |
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| an agency of this or another state, an employer, a private   |
| driver-training facility or other private institution or a   |
| department, agency or instrumentality of local government to |
| administer the skills test specified by this section.        |
| C. The director may waive the requirement of any             |
| test specified in this section for a commercial driver's     |

- C. The director may waive the requirement of any test specified in this section for a commercial driver's license applicant who complies with the other provisions of the New Mexico Commercial Driver's License Act through any pertinent rules [regulations] or contractual agreements with the public education department, other governments or private entities.
- D. A commercial driver's license applicant shall not take a test specified in this section more than [three] six times within [one year] a six-month period. If an applicant does not pass on the sixth attempt, the applicant shall not take the test again for at least one year.
- E. If the department determines that a commercial driver's license applicant has committed an offense in taking a test specified in this section, the division shall not issue a commercial driver's license to that applicant within one year of the department's determination."

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