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HOUSE BILL 554

50TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2011

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AN ACT

RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ALLOWING AN APPLICANT FOR A
COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE TO TEST WITHOUT LIMIT; REQUIRING
THE FACILITATION OF NATIVE AMERICANS RESIDING ON NEW MEXICO
RESERVATIONS WHERE NO PHYSICAL ADDRESS EXISTS TO ESTABLISH
STATE OF DOMICILE.

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 and skills test for driving a commercial

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1 motor vehicle and, for related endorsements, has passed a
2 medical fitness test and has satisfied any other requirements
3 of the New Mexico Commercial Driver's License Act. The
4 division shall adopt rules to facilitate Native Americans
5 domiciled on a reservation without a physical address to
6 establish New Mexico as the state of domicile.

7 B. The division may authorize a person, including
8 an agency of this or another state, an employer, a private
9 driver-training facility or other private institution or a
10 department, agency or instrumentality of local government to
11 administer the skills test specified by this section.

12 ~~[G. A commercial driver's license applicant shall~~
13 ~~not take a test specified in this section more than three times~~
14 ~~within one year.~~

15 ~~D.]~~ C. If the department determines that a
16 commercial driver's license applicant has committed an offense
17 in taking a test specified in this section, the division shall
18 not issue a commercial driver's license to that applicant
19 within one year of the department's determination."

20 SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the
21 provisions of this act is July 1, 2011.