HOUSE BILL 48

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

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

B. The division may authorize a person, including 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 or knowledge test specified by this section.

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

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

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

D. A commercial driver's license applicant who has failed the skills test or knowledge test five times shall complete a state-recognized commercial driving training program.

[D.] 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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