



Senate Fiscal Agency
P. O. Box 30036
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7536



BILL ANALYSIS

Telephone: (517) 373-5383
Fax: (517) 373-1986
TDD: (517) 373-0543

Senate Bill 1211 (as reported without amendment)
Sponsor: Senator Valde Garcia
Committee: Senior Citizens and Veterans Affairs

CONTENT

The bill would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow the Secretary of State to waive the driving skills test for a commercial driver license applicant who paid the applicable license fees for the vehicle group designation or indorsement, applied within one year of his or her honorable discharge from the U.S. Armed Forces, and did both of the following:

- Certified that, during the two years immediately preceding discharge, he or she met the conditions for waiver of the driving skills test specified in Federal regulations (49 CFR 383.77(a)) and was regularly employed in a military occupational specialty that required operation of a commercial motor vehicle.
- Presented military documentation verifying that, for at least the two years immediately preceding discharge, he or she operated a vehicle representative of the commercial motor vehicle for which he or she sought a vehicle group designation or indorsement.

(Under 49 CFR 383.77(a), a state may waive the driving skill test for a commercial motor vehicle operator who is currently licensed at the time of his or her application for a commercial driver license, and substitute the test with either an applicant's driving record and previous passage of an acceptable skills test or an applicant's driving record in combination with certain driving experience, subject to various conditions and limitations relating to the applicant's driver license history and driving violations.)

MCL 257.312e

Legislative Analyst: Patrick Affholter

FISCAL IMPACT

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government. Private companies administer these driving skills tests, and applicants pay any associated fees.

Date Completed: 4-23-08

Fiscal Analyst: Stephanie Yu