

119TH CONGRESS
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To require the Secretary of Transportation to revise certain regulations with respect to farm-related service industry restricted commercial driver’s licenses, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. MORAN (for himself and Ms. ERNST) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on _____

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Seasonal Agriculture
5 CDL Modernization Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. MODERNIZATION OF FARM-RELATED SERVICE IN-**
2 **DUSTRIES RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL DRIV-**
3 **ER'S LICENSES.**

4 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

5 (1) ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE.—The term “eligible
6 employee” means an employee that is eligible for
7 and seeks to acquire a restricted commercial driver’s
8 license.

9 (2) FARM-RELATED SERVICE INDUSTRY.—The
10 term “farm-related service industry” means a farm-
11 related service industry described in section
12 383.3(f)(1) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations
13 (as in effect on the date of enactment of this Act).

14 (3) IMPLEMENT OF HUSBANDRY.—The term
15 “implement of husbandry” means any vehicle or
16 equipment, whether self-propelled or towed, that is
17 specifically designed for, or adapted exclusively for,
18 agricultural operations or services.

19 (4) RESTRICTED COMMERCIAL DRIVER’S LI-
20 CENSE.—The term “restricted commercial driver’s
21 license” means a restricted CDL (within the mean-
22 ing of section 383.3(f) of title 49, Code of Federal
23 Regulations (as in effect on the date of enactment
24 of this Act)).

25 (5) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
26 the Secretary of Transportation.

1 (b) SEASONAL AGRICULTURE COMMERCIAL DRIV-
2 ER'S LICENSES.—Not later than 1 year after the date of
3 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall revise section
4 383.3(f)(3)(ii) of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations,
5 to allow each State to develop and make available an on-
6 line registration and renewal system to enable farm-re-
7 lated service industries and eligible employees partici-
8 pating in a seasonal restricted commercial driver's license
9 program to more easily renew seasonal licenses if all other
10 terms and conditions of the program have been met by
11 the applicant.

12 (c) IMPLEMENTS OF HUSBANDRY.—Not later than 1
13 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Sec-
14 retary shall revise section 383.3(f) of title 49, Code of
15 Federal Regulations, to clarify that implements of hus-
16 bandry—

17 (1) are not considered commercial motor vehi-
18 cles; and

19 (2) are not subject to the calculation of gross
20 combination weight rating or gross combination
21 weight.