

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill 1745

TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE HOLDERS TO POSSESS A
UNITED STATES WORK AUTHORIZATION TO OPERATE A COMMERCIAL MOTOR
VEHICLE IN THE STATE; AND TO CREATE RELATED OFFENSES.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1745

Amend House Bill 1745 as engrossed H3/19/25 (version: 3/19/25 02:17:53 PM):

Page 1, line 12, delete "STATE;" and substitute "STATE; TO REQUIRE AN
OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TO HAVE PROFICIENCY IN THE ENGLISH
LANGUAGE;"

AND

Delete the subtitle in its entirety and substitute:

"TO REQUIRE CERTAIN COMMERCIAL DRIVER
LICENSE HOLDERS TO POSSESS A UNITED
STATES WORK AUTHORIZATION; TO REQUIRE THE
OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TO
HAVE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY; AND TO CREATE
RELATED OFFENSES."

AND

Page 2, line 23, delete "Employment" and substitute "proper documentation."



AND

Page 2, delete line 24

AND

Page 2, line 26, delete "an Employment Authorization Document" and substitute "proper documentation"

AND

Page 2, line 29, delete "Document" and substitute "Document or a valid work visa"

AND

Page 2, line 32, delete "an Employment Authorization" and substitute "proper documentation"

AND

Page 2, line 33, delete "Document"

AND

Page 2, line 34, delete "an Employment" and substitute "proper documentation"

AND

Page 2, line 35, delete "Authorization Document"

AND

Page 3, delete line 1, and substitute the following:

"he or she had been issued a valid Employment Authorization Document or a valid work visa.

27-23-304. Operating a commercial motor vehicle without sufficient English Language proficiency.

(a) An operator of a commercial motor vehicle shall be able to read and speak the English language sufficiently to:

- (1) Converse with the general public;
- (2) Understand highway traffic signs and signals in the English language;
- (3) Respond to official inquiries; and
- (4) Make entries on reports and records.

(b) A person commits the offense of operating a commercial motor vehicle without sufficient English language proficiency if he or she:

- (1) Operates a commercial vehicle; and
- (2) Fails to demonstrate proficiency in the English language as required under subsection (a) of this section.

(c) The offense of operating a commercial motor vehicle without sufficient English language proficiency is a violation and is subject to a fine of up to:

- (1) Five hundred dollars (\$500) for the first offense; and
- (2) One thousand dollars (\$1,000) for the second or subsequent offense."

AND

Page 3, line 18, delete "employment authorization document," and substitute "work visa or valid Employment Authorization Document,"

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: Senator K. Hammer

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