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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1914

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5 By: Representative Long
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS MOTOR
10 CARRIER ACT, 1955; TO REQUIRE AN OPERATOR OF A
11 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TO HAVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
12 PROFICIENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE ARKANSAS
17 MOTOR CARRIER ACT, 1955; AND TO REQUIRE
18 AN OPERATOR OF A COMMERCIAL MOTOR
19 VEHICLE TO HAVE ENGLISH LANGUAGE
20 PROFICIENCY.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 23, Chapter 13, Subchapter 2, is
25 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 23-13-266. Operating a commercial motor vehicle without sufficient
27 English language proficiency.

28 (a) A person commits the offense of operating a commercial motor
29 vehicle without sufficient English language proficiency if the person:

30 (1) Operates a commercial motor vehicle, as defined under 49
31 C.F.R. 390.5T, as it existed on January 1, 2025, in the state; and

32 (2) Cannot read or speak the English language sufficiently to:
33 (A) Converse with the general public;
34 (B) Understand highway traffic signs and signals in the
35 English language;

36 (C) Respond to official inquiries; and



1 (D) Make entries on reports and records.
2 (b) Operating a commercial motor vehicle without sufficient English
3 language proficiency is a violation subject to a fine under § 23-13-257.
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