STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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SENATE BILL 1390 By: Bergstrom

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to commercial driver licenses; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101, which relates to driver license fees; requiring a fee for certain examinations; modifying applicability of the fee charged for failed examinations; amending 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-110, which relates to examination of applicants; authorizing the Department of Public Safety to collect a skills testing fee; providing certain notice requirement; providing certain opportunity for test passage; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-101, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-101. A. No person, except those hereinafter expressly exempted in Sections 6-102 and 6-102.1 of this title, shall operate any motor vehicle upon a highway in this state unless the person has a valid Oklahoma driver license for the class of vehicle being operated under the provisions of this title. No person shall be permitted to possess more than one valid license at any time, except as provided in paragraph 4 of subsection F of this section.

B. 1. No person shall operate a Class A commercial motor

vehicle unless the person is eighteen (18) years of age or older and

holds a valid Class A commercial license, except as provided in

paragraph 5 of this subsection and subsection F of this section.

Any person holding a valid Class A commercial license shall be

permitted to operate motor vehicles in Classes A, B, C and D, except

as provided for in paragraph 4 of this subsection.

- 2. No person shall operate a Class B commercial motor vehicle unless the person is eighteen (18) years of age or older and holds a valid Class B commercial license, except as provided in paragraph 5 of subsection F of this section. Any person holding a valid Class B commercial license shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles in Classes B, C and D, except as provided for in paragraph 4 of this subsection.
- 3. No person shall operate a Class C commercial motor vehicle unless the person is eighteen (18) years of age or older and holds a valid Class C commercial license, except as provided in subsection F of this section. Any person holding a valid Class C commercial license shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles in Classes C and D, except as provided for in paragraph 4 of this subsection.
- 4. No person under twenty-one (21) years of age shall be licensed to operate any motor vehicle which is required to be placarded for hazardous materials pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Part 172, subpart F, except as provided in subsection F of this section;

provided, a person eighteen (18) years of age or older may be

licensed to operate a farm vehicle which is required to be placarded

for hazardous materials pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Part 172, subpart F,

except as provided in subsection F of this section.

- 5. A person at least seventeen (17) years of age who successfully completes all examinations required by law may be issued by the Department:
 - a. a restricted Class A commercial license which shall grant to the licensee the privilege to operate a Class A or Class B commercial motor vehicle for harvest purposes or a Class D motor vehicle, or
 - b. a restricted Class B commercial license which shall grant to the licensee the privilege to operate a Class B commercial motor vehicle for harvest purposes or a Class D motor vehicle.
- 6. No person shall operate a Class D motor vehicle unless the person is sixteen (16) years of age or older and holds a valid Class D license, except as provided for in Section 6-102 or 6-105 of this title. Any person holding a valid Class D license shall be permitted to operate motor vehicles in Class D only.
- C. Any person issued a driver license pursuant to this section may exercise the privilege thereby granted upon all streets and highways in this state.

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D. No person shall operate a motorcycle or motor-driven cycle without having a valid Class A, B, C or D license with a motorcycle endorsement. Except as otherwise provided by law, any new applicant for an original driver license shall be required to successfully complete a written examination, vision examination and driving examination for a motorcycle as prescribed by the Department of Public Safety, and a certified state-approved motorcycle basic rider course approved by the Department if the applicant is seventeen (17) years of age or younger to be eligible for a motorcycle endorsement thereon. The written examination and driving examination for a motorcycle shall be waived by the Department of Public Safety upon verification that the person has successfully completed a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider course approved by the Department.

E. Except as otherwise provided by law, any person who lawfully possesses a valid Oklahoma driver license which is eligible for renewal shall be required to successfully complete a written examination, vision examination and driving examination for a motorcycle as prescribed by the Department, and a certified state-approved motorcycle basic rider course approved by the Department if the person is seventeen (17) years of age or younger to be eligible for a motorcycle endorsement. The written examination and driving examination for a motorcycle shall be waived by the Department of Public Safety upon verification that the person has successfully

completed a certified Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider course approved by the Department.

- F. 1. Any person eighteen (18) years of age or older may apply for a restricted Class A, B or C commercial learner permit. The Department, after the applicant has passed all parts of the examination for a Class D license and has successfully passed all parts of the examination for a Class A, B or C commercial license other than the driving examination, may issue to the applicant a commercial learner permit which shall entitle the person having immediate lawful possession of the commercial learner permit and a valid Oklahoma driver license or provisional driver license pursuant to Section 6-212 of this title to operate a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle upon the public highways solely for the purpose of behind-the-wheel training in accordance with rules promulgated by the Department.
- 2. This commercial learner permit shall be issued for a period as provided in Section 6-115 of this title of one hundred eighty (180) days, which may be renewed one time for an additional one hundred eighty (180) days; provided, such commercial learner permit may be suspended, revoked, canceled, denied or disqualified at the discretion of the Department for violation of the restrictions, for failing to give the required or correct information on the application or for violation of any traffic laws of this state pertaining to the operation of a motor vehicle. Except as otherwise

provided, the lawful possessor of a commercial learner permit who has been issued a commercial learner permit for a minimum of fourteen (14) days may have the restriction requiring an accompanying driver removed by satisfactorily completing a driver's examination; provided, the removal of a restriction shall not authorize the operation of a Class A, B or C commercial motor vehicle if such operation is otherwise prohibited by law.

- 3. No person shall apply for and the Department shall not issue an original Class A, B or C driver license until the person has been issued a commercial learner permit and held the permit for at least fourteen (14) days. Any person who currently holds a Class B or C license and who wishes to apply for another class of commercial driver license shall be required to apply for a commercial learner permit and to hold the permit for at least fourteen (14) days before applying for the Class A or B license, as applicable. Any person who currently holds a Class A, B or C license and who wishes to add an endorsement or remove a restriction for which a skills examination is required shall be required to apply for a commercial learner permit and to hold the permit for at least fourteen (14) days before applying for the endorsement.
- 4. A commercial learner permit shall be issued by the Department as a separate and unique document which shall be valid only in conjunction with a valid Oklahoma driver license or provisional driver license pursuant to Section 6-212 of this title,

both of which shall be in the possession of the person to whom they have been issued whenever that person is operating a commercial motor vehicle as provided in this subsection.

- 5. After one renewal of a commercial learner permit, as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection, a commercial permit shall not be renewed again. Any person who has held a commercial learner permit for the initial issuance period and one renewal period shall not be eligible for and the Department shall not issue another renewal of the permit; provided, the person may reapply for a new commercial learner permit, as provided for in this subsection.
 - G. 1. For purposes of this title:

a. "REAL ID Compliant Driver License" or "Identification
Card" means a driver license or identification card
issued by the State of Oklahoma that has been
certified by the United States Department of Homeland
Security (USDHS) as compliant with the requirements of
the REAL ID Act of 2005, Public Law No. 109-13. A
REAL ID Compliant Driver License or Identification
Card and the process through which it is issued
incorporate a variety of security measures designed to
protect the integrity and trustworthiness of the
license or card. A REAL ID Compliant Driver License
or Identification Card will be clearly marked on the
face indicating that it is a compliant document, and

b. "REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License" or

"Identification Card" means a driver license or

identification card issued by the State of Oklahoma

that has not been certified by the United States

Department of Homeland Security (USDHS) as being

compliant with the requirements of the REAL ID Act.

REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification

Card will be clearly marked on the face indicating

that it is not compliant with the federal REAL ID Act

and is not acceptable for official federal purposes.

The driver license or identification card will have a

unique design or color indicator that clearly

distinguishes it from a compliant license or card.

- 2. Original Driver License and Identification Card Issuance:
 - a. Application for an original REAL ID Compliant or REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card shall be made to the Department of Public Safety.
 - b. Department of Public Safety employees shall perform all document recognition and other requirements needed for approval of an original REAL ID Compliant or REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card application.
 - c. Upon approval of an original REAL ID Compliant or REAL
 ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card

application, the applicant may take the approved
application document to a motor license agent to
receive a temporary driver license or identification
card.

- d. The motor license agent shall process the approved REAL ID Compliant or REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card application and upon payment shall provide the applicant a temporary driver license or identification card. A temporary driver license or identification card shall afford the holder the privileges otherwise granted by the specific class of driver license or identification card for the period of time listed on the temporary driver license or identification card or the period of time prior to the applicant receiving a REAL ID Compliant or REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card, whichever time period is shorter.
- 3. REAL ID Compliant Driver License and Identification Card Renewal and Replacement:
 - a. Application for renewal or replacement of a REAL ID

 Compliant Driver License or Identification Card may be made to the Department of Public Safety or to a motor license agent; provided, such motor license agent is authorized to process application for REAL ID

Compliant Driver Licenses and Identification Cards. A motor license agent may process the voluntary downgrade of a REAL ID Compliant Commercial Driver License to any lower class license upon request of the licensee; provided, no additional endorsements or restrictions are placed on the license.

- b. Department of Public Safety employees or authorized motor license agents shall perform all document recognition and other requirements needed for approval of a renewal or replacement REAL ID Compliant Driver License or Identification Card application.
- C. Upon approval of a renewal or replacement REAL ID

 Compliant Driver License or Identification Card

 application, the applicant may receive a temporary

 driver license or identification card from the

 Department of Public Safety or an authorized motor

 license agent.
- d. A temporary driver license or identification card acquired under the provisions of this paragraph shall afford the holder the privileges otherwise granted by the specific class of driver license or identification card being renewed or replaced for the period of time listed on the temporary driver license or identification card or the period of time prior to the

applicant receiving a REAL ID Compliant Driver License or Identification Card, whichever time period is shorter.

- e. For purposes of this title, an application for a REAL ID Compliant Driver License or Identification Card by an individual with a valid Oklahoma-issued driver license or identification card shall be considered a renewal of a REAL ID Compliant Driver License or Identification Card.
- 4. REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License and Identification Card Renewal and Replacement:
 - a. Application for renewal or replacement of a REAL ID

 Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card may
 be made to the Department of Public Safety or to a

 motor license agent. A motor license agent may
 process the voluntary downgrade of a REAL ID

 Noncompliant Commercial Driver License to any lower
 class license upon request of the licensee; provided,
 no additional endorsements or restrictions are added
 to the license.
 - b. Department of Public Safety employees or motor license agents shall perform all document recognition and other requirements needed for approval of a renewal or

replacement REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card application.

- C. Upon approval of a renewal or replacement REAL ID

 Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card

 application, the applicant may receive a temporary

 driver license or identification card from the

 Department of Public Safety or a motor license agent.
- d. A temporary driver license or identification card acquired under the provisions of this paragraph shall afford the holder the privileges otherwise granted by the specific class of driver license or identification card being renewed or replaced for the period of time listed on the temporary driver license or identification card or the period of time prior to the applicant receiving a REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Identification Card, whichever time period is shorter.
- H. 1. The fee charged for an approved application for an original Oklahoma REAL ID Compliant or REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or an approved application for the addition of an endorsement to a current valid Oklahoma REAL ID Compliant or REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License shall be assessed in accordance with the following schedule:

Class A Commercial Learner Permit \$25.00

1	Class A Commercial License	\$25.00
2	Class B Commercial Learner Permit	\$15.00
3	Class B Commercial License	\$15.00
4	Class C Commercial Learner Permit	\$15.00
5	Class C Commercial License	\$15.00
6	Class D License	\$ 4.00
7	Motorcycle Endorsement	\$ 4.00

- 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, all monies collected from the fees charged for Class A, B and C commercial licenses pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of this state.
- I. The fee charged for the skills portion of the examination for a Class A, B, or C commercial license shall be Sixty Dollars (\$60.00). The fee charged for any failed examination shall be Four Dollars (\$4.00) for any Class D license classification.

 Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, all monies collected from such examination fees pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of this state.
- J. In addition to any fee charged pursuant to the provisions of subsection H of this section, the fee charged for the issuance or renewal of a REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License shall be in accordance with the following schedule; provided, that any applicant

who	has	а	CDL	Learner	Pe	ermit	shall	be	charged	only	the	replacement
fee	for	th	ne is	ssuance	of	the	license	∋:				

License	Class			4-year	8-year
Class A	Commercial	Learner	Permit	\$56.50	\$113.00
Class A	Commercial	License		\$56.50	\$113.00
Class B	Commercial	Learner	Permit	\$56.50	\$113.00
Class B	Commercial	License		\$56.50	\$113.00
Class C	Commercial	Learner	Permit	\$46.50	\$93.00
Class C	Commercial	License		\$46.50	\$93.00
Class D	License			\$38.50	\$77.00

K. In addition to any fee charged pursuant to the provisions of subsection H of this section, the fee charged for the issuance or renewal of a REAL ID Compliant Driver License shall be in accordance with the following schedule; provided, that any applicant who has a CDL Learner Permit shall be charged only the replacement fee for the issuance of the license:

17	License Class	4-year	8-year
18	REAL ID Compliant Class A		
19	Commercial Learner Permit	\$56.50	\$113.00
20	REAL ID Compliant Class A		
21	Commercial License	\$56.50	\$113.00
22	REAL ID Compliant Class B		
23	Commercial Learner Permit	\$56.50	\$113.00

1	REAL ID Compliant Class B		
2	Commercial License	\$56.50	\$113.00
3	REAL ID Compliant Class C		
4	Commercial Leaner Permit	\$46.50	\$93.00
5	REAL ID Compliant Class C		
6	Commercial License	\$46.50	\$93.00
7	REAL ID Compliant Class D		
8	License	\$38.50	\$77.00

- L. A commercial learner permit may be renewed one time for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days. The cost for the renewed permit shall be the same as for the original permit.
- M. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title, of each fee charged pursuant to the provisions of subsections J, K and L of this section:
- 1. Five Dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) of a 4-year license or Eleven Dollars (\$11.00) of an 8-year license shall be deposited to the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund created in Section 1-2530.9 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes;
- 2. Six Dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) of a 4-year license or Thirteen Dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) of an 8-year license shall be deposited to the Department of Public Safety Computer Imaging System Revolving Fund to be used solely for the purpose of administration and maintenance of the computerized imaging system of the Department;

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(\$20.00) of an 8-year license shall be deposited to the Department of Public Safety Revolving Fund for all original or renewal issuances of licenses; and

3. Ten Dollars (\$10.00) of a 4-year license or Twenty Dollars

- 4. Five Dollars (\$5.00) of a 4-year license or Six Dollars (\$6.00) of an 8-year license shall be deposited to the State Public Safety Fund created in Section 2-147 of this title.
- All original and renewal driver licenses shall expire as provided in Section 6-115 of this title.
- O. Any person sixty-two (62) years of age or older during the calendar year of issuance or renewal of a Class D license or motorcycle endorsement shall be charged the following prorated fee:

	4-year	8-year
Age 62	\$21.25	\$42.50
Age 63	\$17.50	\$35.00
Age 64	\$13.75	\$27.50
Age 65	-0-	

P. No person who has been honorably discharged from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States or Oklahoma National Guard and who has been certified by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, its successor or the Armed Forces of the United States to be a disabled veteran in receipt of compensation at the one-hundred-percent rate for a permanent disability sustained through military action or accident resulting from disease contracted while in such active service and registered with the veterans registry created by the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs shall be charged a fee for the issuance, replacement or renewal of an Oklahoma driver license; provided, that if a veteran has been previously exempt from a fee pursuant to this subsection, no registration with the veterans registry shall be required.

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Q. In accordance with the provisions of subsection G of this section, the Department of Public Safety and the Oklahoma Tax Commission are authorized to promulgate rules for the issuance and renewal of driver licenses authorized pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6-101 through 6-309 of this title; provided, that no such rules applicable to the issuance or renewal of REAL ID Noncompliant Driver Licenses shall create more stringent standards than such rules applicable as of January 1, 2017, unless directly related to a specific change in statutory law concerning standards for REAL ID Noncompliant Driver Licenses. Applications, upon forms approved by the Department of Public Safety, for such licenses shall be handled, in accordance with the provisions of subsection G of this section, by the motor license agents; provided, the Department of Public Safety is authorized to assume these duties in any county of this state. Each motor license agent accepting applications for driver licenses shall receive Six Dollars (\$6.00) for a 4-year REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) for an 8-year

REAL ID Noncompliant Driver License or Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for a 4-year REAL ID Compliant Driver License or Twenty Dollars (\$20.00) for an 8-year REAL ID Compliant Driver License to be deducted from the total collected for each license or renewal application accepted. The fees received by the motor license agent, authorized by this subsection, shall be used for operating expenses.

R. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1104 of this title and subsection Q of this section and except as provided in subsections H and M of this section, the first Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00) of all monies collected pursuant to this section shall be paid by the Oklahoma Tax Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited in the General Revenue Fund of the State Treasury.

The next Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) of monies collected pursuant to this section shall be paid by the Tax

Commission to the State Treasurer to be deposited each fiscal year under the provisions of this section to the credit of the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund for the purpose of the Statewide Law Enforcement Communications System. All other monies collected in excess of Five Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$560,000.00) each fiscal year shall be apportioned as provided in Section 1104 of this title, except as otherwise provided in this section.

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- The Department of Public Safety shall retain the images displayed on licenses and identification cards issued pursuant to the provisions of Sections 6-101 through 6-309 of this title which may be used only:
- By a law enforcement agency for purposes of criminal investigations, missing person investigations or any law enforcement purpose which is deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Public Safety;
- 2. By the driver licensing agency of another state for its official purpose; and
 - 3. As provided in Section 2-110 of this title.

All agencies approved by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (OLETS) or the National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (NLETS) to receive photographs or computerized images may obtain them through OLETS or through NLETS. Photographs or computerized images may be obtained by law enforcement one inquiry at a time.

The computer system and related equipment acquired for this purpose must conform to industry standards for interoperability and open architecture. The Department of Public Safety may promulgate rules to implement the provisions of this subsection.

T. No person may hold more than one state-issued or territoryissued REAL ID Compliant Driver License or REAL ID Compliant Identification Card from Oklahoma or any other state or territory.

The Department shall not issue a REAL ID Compliant Driver License to a person who has been previously issued a REAL ID Compliant Driver License or REAL ID Compliant Identification Card until such license or identification card has been surrendered to the Department by the applicant. The Department may promulgate rules related to the issuance of replacement REAL ID Compliant Driver Licenses in the event of loss or theft.

- U. Upon the effective date of this act Beginning on May 24, 2021, and ending on April 30, 2023, in addition to the amounts provided in subsection Q of this section, a motor license agent shall receive Five Dollars (\$5.00) for each processed application for a REAL ID Compliant 4-year Driver License and Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each processed application for a REAL ID Compliant 8-year Driver License. Any additional amounts provided pursuant to this subsection shall not be retained by the Department of Public Safety.
- SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 47 O.S. 2021, Section 6-110, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-110. A. 1. The Department of Public Safety shall establish procedures to ensure every applicant for an original Class A, B, C or D license and for any endorsements thereon is examined by the Department, or an approved written examination proctor, except as otherwise provided in Section 6-101 et seq. of this title or as provided in paragraph 2 of this subsection or in subsections D and E

of this section. The Department is authorized to approve and enter into agreements with local school districts, the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education, or institutions of higher education to act as approved written examination proctors with regard to any written examination required by this section. The examination shall include a test of the applicant's:

a. eyesight,

- b. ability to read and understand highway signs regulating, warning and directing traffic,
- c. knowledge of the traffic laws of this state including a portion on bicycle and motorcycle safety, and
- d. ability, by actual demonstration, to exercise ordinary and reasonable control in the operation of a motor vehicle. The actual demonstration shall be conducted in the type of motor vehicle for the class of driver license being applied for.

The Department of Public Safety may create a knowledge test that may be taken on the Internet by an applicant applying for a Class D license.

Any licensee seeking to apply for a driver license of another class which is not covered by the licensee's current driver license shall be considered an applicant for an original license for that class.

2. The Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to waive the requirement of any part of the examination required in

paragraph 1 of this subsection for those applicants whose driving record meets the standards set by the Department of Public Safety and surrender either of the following:

- a. a valid unexpired driver license issued by any state or country for the same type or types of vehicles, or
- b. an expired driver license that:
 - (1) is not expired more than six (6) months past the expiration date listed on the driver license, and
 - (2) is not a Class A, B or C commercial driver license or commercial driver license permit.
- 3. The Department of Public Safety shall accept skills test results from another state for Class A, B or C license applicants who have successfully completed commercial motor vehicle driver training in that state and successfully passed the skills test in that state; provided, the Department shall not accept skills test results from another state when the applicant has not successfully completed commercial motor vehicle driver training in that state. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Department of Public Safety from administering the skills test to any applicant who has successfully completed commercial vehicle driver training in another state.
- 4. All applicants requiring a hazardous materials endorsement shall be required, for the renewal of the endorsement, to successfully complete the examination and to submit to a security

threat assessment performed by the Transportation Security

Administration of the Department of Homeland Security as required by

and pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Part 1572, which shall be used to

determine whether the applicant is eligible for renewal of the

endorsement pursuant to federal law and regulation.

- 5. The Department of Public Safety, or an approved written examination proctor, shall give the complete examination as provided for in this section within thirty (30) days from the date the application is received, and the examination shall be given at a location within one hundred (100) miles of the residence of the applicant. The Department of Public Safety shall make every effort to make the examination locations and times convenient for applicants. The Department of Public Safety shall consider giving the examination at various school sites if the district board of education for the district in which the site is located agrees and if economically feasible and practicable.
- 6. The Department of Public Safety shall have the authority to collect a skills testing fee of Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) from each applicant upon examination appointment scheduling for an Oklahoma Class A, Class B, or Class C license skills test. Failure of an applicant to notify the Department at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance prior to missing an appointment for a skills test, or provide a written medical excuse from a licensed physician, advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician's assistant, shall result

in the forfeiture of the skills testing fee. An applicant shall be given three opportunities to pass the skills test before being deemed to have failed.

- B. Any person holding a valid Oklahoma Class D license or provisional driver license pursuant to Section 6-212 of this title and applying for a Class A, B or C commercial license shall be required to successfully complete all examinations as required for the specified class. Failure to submit to the Department of Public Safety federally required medical certification information pursuant to 49 C.F.R., Part 391.41 et seq. shall result in an automatic downgrade of a commercial license to a Class D license. Provided, however, once the required medical certification information has been received by the Department of Public Safety, the license shall be reinstated to the classification of the commercial license prior to the downgrade and the holder of such a license shall not be required to reapply.
- C. Except as provided in subsection E of Section 6-101 of this title, any person holding a valid Oklahoma Class A, B or C commercial license shall, upon time for renewal thereof, be entitled to a Class D license without any type of testing or examination, except for any endorsements thereon as otherwise provided for by Section 6-110.1 of this title.
- D. 1. Any certified driver education instructor who is currently an operator or an employee of a commercial driver training

school in this state or any driver education instructor employed by any school district in this state shall be eligible to apply to be a designated examiner of the Department of Public Safety for the purposes of administering the Class D driving skills portion of the Oklahoma driving examination to any person who has been issued a learner permit.

- 2. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt a curriculum of required courses and training to be offered to applicants who are qualified to apply to be a designated examiner. The courses and training for certification shall meet the same standards as required for driver examiners of the Department of Public Safety.
- 3. Each person applying to be a designated examiner shall be required to pay an initial designated examiner certification fee of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Upon successful completion of training prescribed by paragraph 2 of this subsection, the person shall be required to pay an annual designated examiner certification fee of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). If an applicant for the designated examiner program is employed by an Oklahoma public school system that offers driver education, and he or she administers the skills test only to students enrolled in a public school driver education program, the certification fee may be waived by the Department of Public Safety. Each designated examiner certification shall expire on the last day of the calendar year and may be renewed upon application to the Department of Public Safety. The designated

examiner certification fees collected by the Department of Public Safety pursuant to this subsection shall be deposited to the credit of the Department of Public Safety Restricted Revolving Fund to be used for the purposes of this subsection. No designated examiner certification fee shall be refunded in the event that certification is denied, suspended or revoked.

- 4. A designated examiner may charge a fee for each Class D driving skills examination given, whether the person being examined passes or fails the examination.
- 5. The Department of Public Safety shall conduct an annual complete nationwide criminal history background check on each designated examiner and a complete nationwide criminal history background check on each designated examiner applicant. The fees for the background check shall be borne by the designated examiner or designated examiner applicant.
- 6. The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules to implement and administer the provisions of this subsection.
- E. 1. Upon application and approval of the Commissioner of Public Safety, any public or private commercial truck driving school that has or maintains a program instructing students for a Class A, B or C license, public transit agency or state, county or municipal government agency in this state shall be authorized to hire or employ designated examiners approved by the Department of Public Safety to be third-party examiners of the Class A, B or C driving

skills portion of the Oklahoma driving examination. All designated examiners must successfully have completed the courses and training as outlined in paragraph 2 of this subsection. The Department of Public Safety shall be required to approve at least one public transit agency that has or maintains a program instructing students for a Class A, B or C license to hire or employ third-party examiners pursuant to this section. It shall be permissible for any public transit agency operating in the State of Oklahoma to utilize the third-party examiners hired or employed by a public transit agency approved by the Department.

- 2. The Department of Public Safety shall adopt a curriculum of required courses and training to be offered to third-party examiners. The courses and training for certification shall meet the same standards as required for commercial driver examiners of the Department of Public Safety.
- 3. The Department of Public Safety shall require each thirdparty examiner applicant and commercial school driver education
 instructor applicant to submit to an electronic national criminal
 history record check pursuant to Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the
 Oklahoma Statutes. On or before December 1, 2022, the Department
 shall require each third-party examiner or commercial school driver
 education instructor to submit to an electronic national criminal
 history record check pursuant to Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the
 Oklahoma Statutes. The fees for the background check shall be borne

by the third-party examiner, third-party examiner applicant, commercial school driver education instructor or commercial school driver education instructor applicant.

- The Department of Public Safety shall promulgate rules no later than December 15, 2021, to:
- Implement and administer the provisions of this section based on requirements set forth in Section 383.75 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations;
- 2. Establish a process to inform any school, public transit agency, examiner, or state, county or municipal government agency, who has been denied, within forty-five (45) days from the denial;
- 3. Create an appeal process for any school, public transit agency, examiner, or state, county or municipal government agency denied; and
- 4. If the initial application for approval was denied, limit the number of times an individual school, public transit agency, individual examiner applicant, or state, county or municipal government agency may reapply in a calendar year to two reapplications.
 - SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2022.

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