

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 60th Legislature (2026)

SENATE BILL 1223

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to commercial driver licenses; amending Section 4, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2025 (47 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 6-126.2), which relates to proficiency in English; prohibiting certain operation of a commercial motor vehicle until achieving English language proficiency; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 310, O.S.L. 2025 (47 O.S. Supp. 2025, Section 6-126.2), is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-126.2. A. An operator of a commercial motor vehicle within this state shall be able to demonstrate proficiency of the English language sufficient 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.

1 B. 1. A commercial motor carrier whose driver is found to be
2 in violation of this section shall be subject to a fine in the
3 amount of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) for each violation.
4 The proceeds of any penalties collected pursuant to this paragraph
5 shall be deposited in the Weigh Station Improvement Revolving Fund
6 created in Section 1167 of Title 47 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

7 2. A driver found to be in violation of this section shall be
8 prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle within this
9 state until such a time that the driver is able to meet the
10 ~~identification~~ English language proficiency provisions of this
11 section. Any driver found to be operating a motor vehicle within
12 this state while under such prohibition shall be guilty of a
13 misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by a fine not to
14 exceed One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), or by imprisonment for not
15 more than ninety (90) days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Any
16 fine collected pursuant to the provisions of this paragraph shall be
17 deposited to the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund created in
18 Section 1-2530.9 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

19 3. The commercial motor carrier shall be notified of the
20 location of any commercial motor vehicle involved in a violation,
21 and, upon payment of the fine in full and presentation of a driver
22 who meets all requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle
23 within this state, shall take possession of the vehicle. If the
24 commercial motor carrier is unable to either pay such fine or
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1 present such driver within twelve (12) hours after notification, the
2 owner of any cargo being transported by the commercial motor vehicle
3 shall be notified and allowed to arrange for the transfer of the
4 cargo to another vehicle. Neither the state nor the owner of such
5 cargo shall be liable for any reasonable action to transfer such
6 cargo.

7 C. Any operator of a commercial motor vehicle found to be in
8 violation of this section shall, in addition to the provisions
9 provided for in subsection B of this section, be subject to a
10 penalty of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Any fine collected
11 pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be deposited to
12 the Trauma Care Assistance Revolving Fund created in Section 1-
13 2530.9 of Title 63 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

14 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2026.

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