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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

NO. 4

Session of 2026

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REFERRED TO SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

English Proficiency for CDL

AN ACT

Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to enhance standards for commercial driver's license (CDL) qualifications.

Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Permits third-party entities (i.e., approved driver schools, agencies) to administer CDL skills tests if they:

1) Match state standards,
2) Are supervised by PennDOT, and
3) Ensure applicants meet English proficiency

Removes the Department of Transportation option to administer a knowledge test in Spanish.

Permits the Department to accept the results of a skill test (i.e., road test) administered in other states provided the individual meets the English proficiency standard.

Commercial Motor Vehicle (CMV)

Declares an individual must meet the English proficiency standard to operate a CMV in this Commonwealth.

Provides for a penalty for an individual who operates a CMV and fails to meet the English proficiency standard:
(1) A fine of $500 for a first offense and a one-year disqualification, and
(2) A fine of $1,000 for a second or subsequent offense and a disqualification from a CDL for life.

Enforces a fine of $3,000 on an employer for every driver convicted of failing to meet the English proficiency standard.

This act will take effect in 60 days.