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**HOUSE BILL NO. 194**

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*A BILL to amend and reenact § 46.2-341.9 of the Code of Virginia, relating to eligibility for commercial driver's licenses.*

Patrons—Lewis, Keam, Marshall, D.W., Merricks and Villanueva

Referred to Committee on Transportation

**Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 46.2-341.9 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 46.2-341.9. Eligibility for commercial driver's license.

A Virginia commercial driver's license shall be issued only to a person who drives or intends to drive a commercial motor vehicle and who is domiciled in the Commonwealth, provided that any person who is domiciled in a jurisdiction outside the United States, but has resided in the Commonwealth for a period of six weeks, shall be eligible for a commercial driver's license under such terms and conditions as the Department may require.

No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license until he has applied for such license and has passed the applicable vision, knowledge and skills tests required by this article, and has satisfied all other applicable licensing requirements imposed by the laws of the Commonwealth.

No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license during any period in which he is disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle, or his driver's license or privilege to drive is suspended, revoked or cancelled in any state, or during any period wherein the restoration of his license or privilege is contingent upon the furnishing of proof of financial responsibility.

No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license until he surrenders all other driver's licenses issued to him by any state.

No person under the age of ~~twenty-one~~ 21 years shall be eligible for a commercial driver's license, except that a person who is at least ~~eighteen~~ 18 years of age may be issued a commercial driver's license, provided that such person is exempt from or is not subject to the age requirements of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations contained in 49 C.F.R. Part 391, and is not prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle by the Virginia Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, and has so certified. No person under the age of ~~twenty-one~~ 21 years shall be issued a hazardous materials endorsement.

No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license to drive a Type S vehicle, as defined in subsection B of § 46.2-341.16, during any period in which he is a person for whom registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry is required pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1.

*In determining the eligibility of any applicant for a Virginia commercial driver's license, the Department shall consider the applicant's military training and experience.*

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