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#### **SENATE BILL NO. 1219**

Senate Amendments in [] - January 21, 2013 2 3 A BILL to amend and reenact §§ 19.2-389, 46.2-311, 46.2-324.1, 46.2-341.4, 46.2-341.7, 46.2-341.8, 4 46.2-341.9, 46.2-341.10, 46.2-341.12, 46.2-341.14, 46.2-341.15, 46.2-341.16, 46.2-341.20, 46.2-348, 5 6 46.2-1076, 46.2-2001.1, 46.2-2001.3, 46.2-2005, 46.2-2011.9, 46.2-2011.11, 46.2-2011.23, 46.2-2011.24, 46.2-2099.19, 46.2-2108.4, 46.2-2122, 46.2-2132, 46.2-2133, and 46.2-2176 of the 7 Code of Virginia and to amend the Code of Virginia by adding sections numbered 46.2-341.14:1 through 46.2-341.14:10, 46.2-341.20:4, 46.2-341.20:5, and 46.2-341.20:6, relating to motor carriers 8 9 and commercial driver's licenses; penalties. 10

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

15 Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

16 1. That §§ 19.2-389, 46.2-311, 46.2-324.1, 46.2-341.4, 46.2-341.7, 46.2-341.8, 46.2-341.9, 46.2-341.10,
 17 46.2-341.12, 46.2-341.14, 46.2-341.15, 46.2-341.16, 46.2-341.20, 46.2-348, 46.2-1076, 46.2-2001.1,
 18 46.2-2001.3, 46.2-2005, 46.2-2011.9, 46.2-2011.11, 46.2-2011.23, 46.2-2011.24, 46.2-2099.19,
 19 46.2-2108.4, 46.2-2122, 46.2-2132, 46.2-2133, and 46.2-2176 of the Code of Virginia are amended
 20 and reenacted and that the Code of Virginia is amended by adding sections numbered
 21 46.2-341.14:1 through 46.2-341.14:10, 46.2-341.20:4, 46.2-341.20:5, and 46.2-341.20:6 as follows:
 22 § 19.2-389. Dissemination of criminal history record information.

A. Criminal history record information shall be disseminated, whether directly or through anintermediary, only to:

1. Authorized officers or employees of criminal justice agencies, as defined by § 9.1-101, for purposes of the administration of criminal justice and the screening of an employment application or review of employment by a criminal justice agency with respect to its own employees or applicants, and dissemination to the Virginia Parole Board, pursuant to this subdivision, of such information on all state-responsible inmates for the purpose of making parole determinations pursuant to subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 5 of § 53.1-136 shall include collective dissemination by electronic means every 30 days;

31 2. Such other individuals and agencies that require criminal history record information to implement 32 a state or federal statute or executive order of the President of the United States or Governor that 33 expressly refers to criminal conduct and contains requirements or exclusions expressly based upon such 34 conduct, except that information concerning the arrest of an individual may not be disseminated to a 35 noncriminal justice agency or individual if an interval of one year has elapsed from the date of the 36 arrest and no disposition of the charge has been recorded and no active prosecution of the charge is 37 pending;

38 3. Individuals and agencies pursuant to a specific agreement with a criminal justice agency to provide services required for the administration of criminal justice pursuant to that agreement which shall specifically authorize access to data, limit the use of data to purposes for which given, and ensure the security and confidentiality of the data;

42 4. Individuals and agencies for the express purpose of research, evaluative, or statistical activities
43 pursuant to an agreement with a criminal justice agency that shall specifically authorize access to data,
44 limit the use of data to research, evaluative, or statistical purposes, and ensure the confidentiality and
45 security of the data;

46 5. Agencies of state or federal government that are authorized by state or federal statute or executive
47 order of the President of the United States or Governor to conduct investigations determining
48 employment suitability or eligibility for security clearances allowing access to classified information;
49 6. Individuals and agencies where authorized by court order or court rule;

50 7. Agencies of any political subdivision of the Commonwealth, public transportation companies 51 owned, operated or controlled by any political subdivision, and any public service corporation that 52 operates a public transit system owned by a local government for the conduct of investigations of 53 applicants for employment, permit, or license whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety, it is 54 necessary to determine under a duly enacted ordinance if the past criminal conduct of a person with a 55 conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment, permit, or license under 56 consideration;

57 7a. Commissions created pursuant to the Transportation District Act of 1964 (§ 15.2-4500 et seq.)
58 and their contractors, for the conduct of investigations of individuals who have been offered a position
59 of employment whenever, in the interest of public welfare or safety and as authorized in the

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Transportation District Act of 1964, it is necessary to determine if the past criminal conduct of a person with a conviction record would be compatible with the nature of the employment under consideration;

8. Public or private agencies when authorized or required by federal or state law or interstate
compact to investigate (i) applicants for foster or adoptive parenthood or (ii) any individual, and the
adult members of that individual's household, with whom the agency is considering placing a child or
from whom the agency is considering removing a child due to abuse or neglect, on an emergency,
temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to §§ 63.2-901.1 and 63.2-1505, subject to the restriction that
the data shall not be further disseminated to any party other than a federal or state authority or court as
may be required to comply with an express requirement of law;

69 9. To the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, public service companies as defined in
70 § 56-1, for the conduct of investigations of applicants for employment when such employment involves
71 personal contact with the public or when past criminal conduct of an applicant would be incompatible
72 with the nature of the employment under consideration;

10. The appropriate authority for purposes of granting citizenship and for purposes of internationaltravel, including, but not limited to, issuing visas and passports;

11. A person requesting a copy of his own criminal history record information as defined in § 9.1-101 at his cost, except that criminal history record information shall be supplied at no charge to a person who has applied to be a volunteer with (i) a Virginia affiliate of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America; (ii) a volunteer fire company or volunteer rescue squad; (iii) the Volunteer Emergency Families for Children; (iv) any affiliate of Prevent Child Abuse, Virginia; (v) any Virginia affiliate of Compeer; or (vi) any board member or any individual who has been offered membership on the board of a Crime Stoppers, Crime Solvers or Crime Line program as defined in § 15.2-1713.1;

12. Administrators and board presidents of and applicants for licensure or registration as a child 82 welfare agency as defined in § 63.2-100 for dissemination to the Commissioner of Social Services' representative pursuant to § 63.2-1702 for the conduct of investigations with respect to employees of and 83 84 85 volunteers at such facilities, caretakers, and other adults living in family day-care homes or homes 86 approved by family day-care systems, and foster and adoptive parent applicants of private child-placing 87 agencies, pursuant to §§ 63.2-1719, 63.2-1720, and 63.2-1721, subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the facility or agency to any party other than the data subject, the 88 89 Commissioner of Social Services' representative or a federal or state authority or court as may be 90 required to comply with an express requirement of law for such further dissemination;

91 13. The school boards of the Commonwealth for the purpose of screening individuals who are
92 offered or who accept public school employment and those current school board employees for whom a
93 report of arrest has been made pursuant to § 19.2-83.1;

94 14. The State Lottery Department for the conduct of investigations as set forth in the State Lottery
95 Law (§ 58.1-4000 et seq.), and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for the conduct of
96 investigations as set forth in Article 1.1:1 (§ 18.2-340.15 et seq.) of Chapter 8 of Title 18.2;

97 15. Licensed nursing homes, hospitals and home care organizations for the conduct of investigations
98 of applicants for compensated employment in licensed nursing homes pursuant to § 32.1-126.01, hospital
99 pharmacies pursuant to § 32.1-126.02, and home care organizations pursuant to § 32.1-162.9:1, subject to
100 the limitations set out in subsection E;

101 16. Licensed homes for adults, licensed district homes for adults, and licensed adult day-care centers
102 for the conduct of investigations of applicants for compensated employment in licensed homes for adults
103 pursuant to § 63.2-1720, in licensed district homes for adults pursuant to § 63.1-189.1, and in licensed
104 adult day-care centers pursuant to § 63.2-1720, subject to the limitations set out in subsection F;

105 17. The Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for the conduct of investigations as set forth in 106 § 4.1-103.1;

107 18. The State Board of Elections and authorized officers and employees thereof in the course of108 conducting necessary investigations with respect to registered voters, limited to any record of felony109 convictions;

110 19. The Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for those individuals who are committed to the custody of the Commissioner pursuant to §§ 19.2-169.2, 19.2-169.6, 19.2-182.2, 19.2-182.3, 19.2-182.8, and 19.2-182.9 for the purpose of placement, evaluation, and treatment planning;

112 19.2-102.9, 19.2-102.9, and 19.2-102.9 for the purpose of placement, evaluation, and dedution planning,
113 20. Any alcohol safety action program certified by the Commission on the Virginia Alcohol Safety
114 Action Program for (i) assessments of habitual offenders under § 46.2-360, (ii) interventions with first
115 offenders under § 18.2-251, or (iii) services to offenders under § 18.2-51.4, 18.2-266, or 18.2-266.1;

116 21. Residential facilities for juveniles regulated or operated by the Department of Social Services, the
117 Department of Education, or the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
118 purpose of determining applicants' fitness for employment or for providing volunteer or contractual
119 services;

120 22. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and facilities operated by the121 Department for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to

**122** departmental instructions;

123 23. Pursuant to § 22.1-296.3, the governing boards or administrators of private or religious
124 elementary or secondary schools which are accredited by a statewide accrediting organization
125 recognized, prior to January 1, 1996, by the State Board of Education or a private organization
126 coordinating such records information on behalf of such governing boards or administrators pursuant to
127 a written agreement with the Department of State Police;

128 24. Public and nonprofit private colleges and universities for the purpose of screening individuals129 who are offered or accept employment;

25. Members of a threat assessment team established by a public institution of higher education
pursuant to § 23-9.2:10 or by a private nonprofit institution of higher education, for the purpose of
assessing or intervening with an individual whose behavior may present a threat to safety; however, no
member of a threat assessment team shall redisclose any criminal history record information obtained
pursuant to this section or otherwise use any record of an individual beyond the purpose that such
disclosure was made to the threat assessment team;

136 26. Executive directors of community services boards or the personnel director serving the
137 community services board for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment
138 pursuant to §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607;

139 27. Executive directors of behavioral health authorities as defined in § 37.2-600 for the purpose of determining an individual's fitness for employment pursuant to §§ 37.2-506 and 37.2-607;

141 28. The Commissioner of Social Services for the purpose of locating persons who owe child support
142 or who are alleged in a pending paternity proceeding to be a putative father, provided that only the
143 name, address, demographics and social security number of the data subject shall be released;

29. Authorized officers or directors of agencies licensed pursuant to Article 2 (§ 37.2-403 et seq.) of
Chapter 4 of Title 37.2 by the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services for the
purpose of determining if any applicant who accepts employment in any direct care position has been
convicted of a crime that affects his fitness to have responsibility for the safety and well-being of
individuals with mental illness, intellectual disability, or substance abuse pursuant to §§ 37.2-416,
37.2-506, and 37.2-607;

30. The Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, for the purpose of evaluating applicants
for *and holders of* a motor carrier certificate or license subject to the provisions of Chapters 20
(§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) and 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) of Title 46.2;

153 31. The chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice of the Senate or the House of Delegates
154 for the purpose of determining if any person being considered for election to any judgeship has been
155 convicted of a crime;

32. Heads of state agencies in which positions have been identified as sensitive for the purpose of
determining an individual's fitness for employment in positions designated as sensitive under Department
of Human Resource Management policies developed pursuant to § 2.2-1201.1. Dissemination of criminal
history record information to the agencies shall be limited to those positions generally described as
directly responsible for the health, safety and welfare of the general populace or protection of critical
infrastructures;

162 33. The Office of the Attorney General, for all criminal justice activities otherwise permitted under
163 subdivision A 1 and for purposes of performing duties required by the Civil Commitment of Sexually
164 Violent Predators Act (§ 37.2-900 et seq.);

34. Shipyards, to the extent permitted by federal law or regulation, engaged in the design,
construction, overhaul, or repair of nuclear vessels for the United States Navy, including their subsidiary
companies, for the conduct of investigations of applications for employment or for access to facilities,
by contractors, leased laborers, and other visitors;

169 35. Any employer of individuals whose employment requires that they enter the homes of others, for170 the purpose of screening individuals who apply for, are offered, or have accepted such employment;

36. Public agencies when and as required by federal or state law to investigate (i) applicants as
providers of adult foster care and home-based services or (ii) any individual with whom the agency is
considering placing an adult on an emergency, temporary, or permanent basis pursuant to § 63.2-1601.1,
subject to the restriction that the data shall not be further disseminated by the agency to any party other
than a federal or state authority or court as may be required to comply with an express requirement of
law for such further dissemination, subject to limitations set out in subsection G;

37. The Department of Medical Assistance Services, or its designee, for the purpose of screening
individuals who, through contracts, subcontracts, or direct employment, volunteer, apply for, are offered,
or have accepted a position related to the provision of transportation services to enrollees in the
Medicaid Program or the Family Access to Medical Insurance Security (FAMIS) Program, or any other
program administered by the Department of Medical Assistance Services;

182 38. The State Corporation Commission for the purpose of investigating individuals who are current

183 or proposed members, senior officers, directors, and principals of an applicant or person licensed under 184 Chapter 16 (§ 6.2-1600 et seq.) of Title 6.2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, if an 185 application is denied based in whole or in part on information obtained from the Central Criminal 186 Records Exchange pursuant to § 6.2-1605, the Commissioner of Financial Institutions or his designee 187 may disclose such information to the applicant or its designee;

188 39. The Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation for the purpose of investigating 189 individuals for initial licensure pursuant to § 54.1-2106.1;

190 40. The Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services and the Department for the Blind and 191 Vision Impaired for the purpose of evaluating an individual's fitness for various types of employment 192 and for the purpose of delivering comprehensive vocational rehabilitation services pursuant to Article 11

193 (§ 51.5-170 et seq.) of Chapter 14 of Title 51.5 that will assist the individual in obtaining employment; 194

41. Bail bondsmen, in accordance with the provisions of § 19.2-120;

195 42. The State Treasurer for the purpose of determining whether a person receiving compensation for 196 wrongful incarceration meets the conditions for continued compensation under § 8.01-195.12; and 197

43. Other entities as otherwise provided by law.

198 Upon an ex parte motion of a defendant in a felony case and upon the showing that the records 199 requested may be relevant to such case, the court shall enter an order requiring the Central Criminal 200 Records Exchange to furnish the defendant, as soon as practicable, copies of any records of persons 201 designated in the order on whom a report has been made under the provisions of this chapter.

202 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, upon a written request sworn to 203 before an officer authorized to take acknowledgments, the Central Criminal Records Exchange, or the 204 criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange, shall furnish a 205 copy of conviction data covering the person named in the request to the person making the request; however, such person on whom the data is being obtained shall consent in writing, under oath, to the 206 207 making of such request. A person receiving a copy of his own conviction data may utilize or further disseminate that data as he deems appropriate. In the event no conviction data is maintained on the data 208 209 subject, the person making the request shall be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect.

210 B. Use of criminal history record information disseminated to noncriminal justice agencies under this 211 section shall be limited to the purposes for which it was given and may not be disseminated further.

212 C. No criminal justice agency or person shall confirm the existence or nonexistence of criminal 213 history record information for employment or licensing inquiries except as provided by law.

214 D. Criminal justice agencies shall establish procedures to query the Central Criminal Records 215 Exchange prior to dissemination of any criminal history record information on offenses required to be 216 reported to the Central Criminal Records Exchange to ensure that the most up-to-date disposition data is 217 being used. Inquiries of the Exchange shall be made prior to any dissemination except in those cases 218 where time is of the essence and the normal response time of the Exchange would exceed the necessary 219 time period. A criminal justice agency to whom a request has been made for the dissemination of 220 criminal history record information that is required to be reported to the Central Criminal Records 221 Exchange may direct the inquirer to the Central Criminal Records Exchange for such dissemination. 222 Dissemination of information regarding offenses not required to be reported to the Exchange shall be 223 made by the criminal justice agency maintaining the record as required by § 15.2-1722.

224 E. Criminal history information provided to licensed nursing homes, hospitals and to home care 225 organizations pursuant to subdivision A 15 shall be limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange 226 for any offense specified in §§ 32.1-126.01, 32.1-126.02, and 32.1-162.9:1.

227 F. Criminal history information provided to licensed assisted living facilities, licensed district homes 228 for adults, and licensed adult day-care centers pursuant to subdivision A 16 shall be limited to the 229 convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense specified in § 63.1-189.1 or 63.2-1720.

230 G. Criminal history information provided to public agencies pursuant to subdivision A 36 shall be 231 limited to the convictions on file with the Exchange for any offense specified in § 63.2-1719.

232 H. Upon receipt of a written request from an employer or prospective employer, the Central Criminal 233 Records Exchange, or the criminal justice agency in cases of offenses not required to be reported to the 234 Exchange, shall furnish at the employer's cost a copy of conviction data covering the person named in 235 the request to the employer or prospective employer making the request, provided that the person on 236 whom the data is being obtained has consented in writing to the making of such request and has 237 presented a photo-identification to the employer or prospective employer. In the event no conviction data 238 is maintained on the person named in the request, the requesting employer or prospective employer shall 239 be furnished at his cost a certification to that effect. The criminal history record search shall be 240 conducted on forms provided by the Exchange.

#### § 46.2-311. Persons having defective vision; minimum standards of visual acuity and field of 241 242 vision: tests of vision.

243 A. The Department shall not issue a driver's license or learner's permit (i) to any person unless he 244 demonstrates a visual acuity of at least 20/40 in one or both eyes with or without corrective lenses or

245 (ii) to any such person unless he demonstrates at least a field of 100 degrees of horizontal vision in one 246 or both eyes or a comparable measurement that demonstrates a visual field within this range. However, 247 a license permitting the driving of motor vehicles during a period beginning one-half hour after sunrise 248 and ending one-half hour before sunset, may be issued to a person who demonstrates a visual acuity of 249 at least 20/70 in one or both eyes without or with corrective lenses provided he demonstrates at least a 250 field of seventy degrees of horizontal vision or a comparable measurement that demonstrates a visual 251 field within this range, and further provided that if such person has vision in one eye only, he 252 demonstrates at least a field of forty degrees temporal and thirty degrees nasal horizontal vision or a 253 comparable measurement that demonstrates a visual field within this range.

B. The Department shall not issue a driver's license or learner's permit to any person authorizing the
driving of a commercial motor vehicle as defined in the Virginia Commercial Driver's License Act
(§ 46.2-341.1 et seq.) unless he demonstrates a visual acuity of at least 20/40 in each eye and at least a
field of 140 degrees of horizontal vision or a comparable measurement that demonstrates a visual field
within this range.

C. Every person applying to renew a driver's license and required to be reexamined as a prerequisiteto the renewal of the license, shall:

261 1. Appear before a license examiner of the Department to demonstrate his visual acuity and262 horizontal field of vision, or

263 2. Accompany his application with a report of such examination made within ninety days prior264 thereto by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

265 D. The test of horizontal visual fields made by license examiners of the Department shall be 266 performed at thirty-three and one-third centimeters with a ten millimeter round white test object or may, 267 at the discretion of the Commissioner, be performed with electronic or other devices designed for the purpose of testing visual acuity and horizontal field of vision. The report of examination of visual acuity 268 269 and horizontal field of vision made by an ophthalmologist or optometrist shall have precedence over an 270 examination made by a license examiner of the Department in administrative determination as to the 271 issuance of a license to drive. Any such report may, in the discretion of the Commissioner, be referred 272 to a medical advisory board or to the State Health Commissioner for evaluation.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection B of this section, any person who is licensed to
drive any motor vehicle may, on special application to the Department, be licensed to drive any vehicle,
provided the operation of the vehicle would not unduly endanger the public safety, as determined by the
Commissioner pursuant to regulations established by the Department.

The Commissioner may waive the vision requirements of subsection B for any commercial driver's
license applicant who either (i) is subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations but is exempt
from the vision standards of 49 C.F.R. Part 391 or (ii) is not required to meet the vision standards
specified in 49 C.F.R. § 391.41 of the regulations.

281 In order to determine whether such a waiver would unduly endanger the public safety, the 282 Commissioner shall require such commercial driver's license applicant to submit a special waiver 283 application and to provide all medical information relating to his vision that may be requested by the 284 Department. The Department may require such commercial driver's license applicant to take a road test 285 administered by the Department before determining whether to grant a waiver. If a waiver is granted, 286 the Department may subject the applicant's use of a commercial motor vehicle to reasonable 287 restrictions, which shall be noted on the commercial driver's license. If a waiver is granted, the 288 Department may also limit the validity period of the commercial driver's license, and the expiration date 289 shall be noted on the commercial driver's license.

#### § 46.2-324.1. Requirements for initial licensure of certain applicants.

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A. No driver's license shall be issued to any applicant unless he either (i) provides written evidence of having satisfactorily completed a course of driver instruction at a driver training school licensed under Chapter 17 (§ 46.2-1700 et seq.) or a comparable course approved by the Department or Department of Education, or (ii) has held an instructional permit issued by the Department for at least 30 days prior to his first behind the wheel examination by the Department when applying for a commercial driver's license, or (iii) has held a learner's permit issued by the Department for at least 60 days prior to his first behind-the-wheel examination by the Department when applying for a noncommercial driver's license.

The provisions of this section shall only apply to persons who are at least 19 years old and who either (a) have never held a driver's license issued by Virginia or any other state or territory of the United States or foreign country or (b) have never been licensed or held the license endorsement or classification required to operate the type of vehicle which they now propose to operate, except that the provisions of this section shall apply to applicants for commercial driver's licenses who are.

B. No commercial driver's license shall be issued to any applicant unless he is 18 years old or older
 and has complied with the requirements of § 46.2-341.9. Applicants for a commercial driver's license
 who have never before held a commercial driver's license or have never held the license endorsement or

306 classification required to operate the type of commercial motor vehicle that they now propose to operate 307 shall apply for a commercial driver's instruction permit and either (i) provide written evidence of having 308 satisfactorily completed a course of driver instruction at a driver training school licensed under Chapter 309 17 (§ 46.2-1700 et seq.) or a comparable course approved by the Department or Department of 310 Education and hold the commercial driver's instruction permit for a minimum of 14 days prior to taking the behind-the-wheel examination for the commercial driver's license or (ii) hold the commercial driver's 311 312 instruction permit for a minimum of 30 days before taking the behind-the-wheel examination for the 313 commercial driver's license. Holders of a commercial driver's license who have never held the license endorsement or 314

314 Holder's of a commercial ariver's license who have never held the license endorsement or 315 classification required to operate the type of commercial motor vehicle which they now propose to 316 operate must apply for a commercial driver's instruction permit if the upgrade requires a skills test and 317 hold the permit for a minimum of 14 days prior to taking the behind-the-wheel examination for the 318 commercial driver's license.

C. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the Department from requiring any person to complete the skills examination as prescribed in § 46.2-325 and the written or automated examinations as prescribed in § 46.2-335.

#### § 46.2-341.4. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply to this article, unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context:

325 "Air brake" means, for the purposes of the skills test and the restriction, any braking system 326 operating fully or partially on the air brake principle.

327 "Automatic transmission" means, for the purposes of the skills test and the restriction, any 328 transmission other than a manual transmission.

329 "CDLIS driver record" means the electronic record of the individual commercial driver's status and
 330 history stored by the State of Record as part of the Commercial Driver's License Information System
 331 (CDLIS).

332 'Commercial driver's instruction permit" means a permit issued to an individual in accordance with 333 the provisions of this article, or if issued by another state, a permit issued in accordance with the 334 standards contained in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, which, when carried with a valid 335 driver's license issued by the same state or jurisdiction, authorizes the individual to operate a class of a 336 commercial motor vehicle when accompanied by a holder of a valid commercial driver's license for 337 purposes of behind-the-wheel training. When issued to a commercial driver's license holder, a 338 commercial driver's instruction permit serves as authorization for accompanied behind-the-wheel 339 training in a commercial motor vehicle for which the holder's current commercial driver's license is not 340 valid. For purposes of this article "Commercial driver's instruction permit" shall have the same meaning as "Commercial learner's permit (CLP)" in 49 C.F.R § 383.5 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety 341 342 regulations.

343 "Commercial driver's license" means any driver's license issued to a person in accordance with the provisions of this article, or if the license is issued by another state, any license issued to a person in accordance with the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act, which authorizes such person to drive a commercial motor vehicle of the class and type and with the restrictions indicated on the license.

347 "Commercial driver's license information system" (CDLIS) means the CDLIS established by Federal
348 Motor Carrier Safety Administration pursuant to § 12007 of the Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of
349 1986.

350 "Commercial motor vehicle" means, except for those vehicles specifically excluded in this definition, 351 every motor vehicle, vehicle or combination of vehicles used to transport passengers or property which either: (i) has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds; or (ii) has a gross combination 352 weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds inclusive of a towed vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating 353 354 of more than 10,000 pounds; or (iii) is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver; 355 or (iv) is of any size and is used in the transportation of hazardous materials as defined in this section. 356 Every such motor vehicle or combination of vehicles shall be considered a commercial motor vehicle 357 whether or not it is used in a commercial or profit-making activity.

358 The following shall be excluded from the definition of commercial motor vehicle: any vehicle when 359 used by an individual solely for his own personal purposes, such as personal recreational activities; or 360 any vehicle which (i) is controlled and operated by a farmer, whether or not it is owned by the farmer, and which is used exclusively for farm use, as defined in § 46.2-698, (ii) is used to transport either 361 362 agricultural products, farm machinery or farm supplies to or from a farm, (iii) is not used in the operation of a common or contract motor carrier, and (iv) is used within 150 miles of the farmer's farm; 363 364 or any vehicle operated for military purposes by (a) active duty military personnel, (b) members of the military reserves, (c) members of the national guard on active duty, including personnel on full-time 365 national guard duty, personnel on part-time national guard training, and national guard military 366 technicians (civilians who are required to wear military uniforms), but not U.S. Reserve technicians, and 367

368 (d) active duty U.S. Coast Guard personnel; or emergency equipment operated by a member of a 369 firefighting, rescue, or emergency entity in the performance of his official duties.

370 "Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act" means the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 371 1986, Title XII of Public Law 99-570, as amended.

372 "Conviction" means an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a determination that a person has violated 373 or failed to comply with the law in a court of original jurisdiction, an unvacated forfeiture of bond, bail 374 or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere 375 accepted by the court, the payment of a fine or court costs in lieu of trial, a violation of a condition of 376 release without bail, regardless of whether the penalty is rebated, suspended or probated, or, for the 377 purposes of alcohol or drug-related offenses involving the operation of a motor vehicle, a civil or an 378 administrative determination of a violation. For the purposes of this definition, an administrative 379 determination shall include an unvacated certification or finding by an administrative or authorized 380 law-enforcement official that a person has violated a provision of law.

381 "Disqualification" means a prohibition against driving, operating or being in physical control of a 382 commercial motor vehicle for a specified period of time, imposed by a court or a magistrate, or by an 383 authorized administrative or law-enforcement official or body.

384 "Domicile" means a person's true, fixed and permanent home and principal residence, to which he 385 intends to return whenever he is absent.

386 "Employee" means a payroll employee or person employed under lease or contract, or a person who 387 has applied for employment and whose employment is contingent upon obtaining a commercial driver's 388 license.

389 "Employer" means a person who owns or leases commercial motor vehicles and assigns employees to 390 drive such vehicles.

391 "Endorsement" means an authorization to an individual's commercial driver's license or commercial 392 driver's instruction permit required to permit the individual to operate certain types of commercial 393 motor vehicles. 394

"FMCSA" means the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.

"Full air brake restriction" means, for the purposes of the skills test and restriction, air over 395 396 hydraulic brakes, including any braking system operating partially on the air brake and partially on the 397 hydraulic brake.

398 "Gross combination weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturers of an articulated 399 vehicle or combination of vehicles as the maximum loaded weight of such vehicles. In the absence of 400 such a value specified by the manufacturer, for law-enforcement purposes, the gross combination weight 401 rating shall be the greater of (i) the gross vehicle weight rating of the power units of the combination 402 vehicle plus the total weight of the towed units, including any loads thereon, or (ii) the gross weight at 403 which the articulated vehicle or combination of vehicles is registered in its state of registration; however, **404** the registered gross weight shall not be applicable for determining the classification of an articulated vehicle or combination of vehicles for purposes of skills testing pursuant to § 46.2-341.14 or 405 406 46.2-341.16.

407 "Gross vehicle weight rating" means the value specified by the manufacturer of the vehicle as the 408 maximum loaded weight of a single vehicle. In the absence of such a value specified by the 409 manufacturer, for law-enforcement purposes, the gross vehicle weight rating shall be the greater of (i) 410 the actual gross weight of the vehicle, including any load thereon; or (ii) the gross weight at which the 411 vehicle is registered in its state of registration; however, the registered gross weight of the vehicle shall 412 not be applicable for determining the classification of a vehicle for purposes of skills testing pursuant to § 46.2-341.14 or 46.2-341.16. 413

414 "Hazardous materials" means materials designated to be hazardous in accordance with § 103 of the 415 federal Hazardous Materials Transportation Act, as amended, (49 U.S.C. § 5101 et seq.) and which 416 require placarding when transported by motor vehicle as provided in the federal Hazardous Materials 417 Regulations (49 C.F.R. Part 172, Subpart F); it also includes any quantity of any material listed as a 418 select agent or toxin in federal Public Health Service Regulations at 42 C.F.R. Part 73.

419 "Manual transmission" (also known as a stick shift, stick, straight drive, or standard transmission) 420 means a transmission utilizing a driver-operated clutch that is activated by a pedal or lever and a 421 gear-shift mechanism operated by either hand or foot.

422 "Non-commercial driver's license" means any other type of motor vehicle license, such as an 423 automobile driver's license, a chauffeur's license, or a motorcycle license.

424 "Out-of-service order" or "out-of-service declaration" means an order by a judicial officer pursuant to 425 § 46.2-341.26:2 or 46.2-341.26:3 or an order or declaration by an authorized law-enforcement officer 426 under § 46.2-1001 or regulations promulgated pursuant to § 52-8.4 relating to Motor Carrier Safety, and 427 including similar actions by authorized judicial officers or enforcement officers acting pursuant to similar

428 laws of other states, the United States, the Canadian Provinces, Canada, Mexico, and localities within

429 them, and also including actions by federal or other jurisdictions' officers pursuant to federal Motor 430 Carrier Safety Regulations, that a driver, a commercial motor vehicle, or a motor carrier is out of 431 service. Such order or declaration as to a driver means that the driver is prohibited from operating a 432 commercial motor vehicle for the duration of the out-of-service period. Such order or declaration as to a 433 vehicle means that such vehicle cannot be operated until the hazardous condition that resulted in the 434 order or declaration has been removed and the vehicle has been cleared for further operation. Such order 435 or declaration as to a motor carrier means that no vehicle may be operated for or on behalf of such carrier until the out-of-service order or declaration has been lifted. For purposes of this article, the 436 437 provisions of the federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (49 C.F.R. Parts 390 through 397), including 438 such regulations or any substantially similar regulations as may have been adopted by any state of the 439 United States, the Provinces of Canada, Canada, Mexico, or any locality shall be considered laws similar 440 to the Virginia laws referenced herein.

441 "Person" means a natural person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, or a governmental 442 entity including a school board.

443 "Restriction" means a prohibition on a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction 444 permit that prohibits the holder from operating certain commercial motor vehicles.

445 "Seasonal restricted commercial driver's license" means a commercial driver's license issued, under 446 the authority of the waiver promulgated by the federal Department of Transportation (49 C.F.R. § 383.3) 447 by Virginia or any other jurisdiction, to an individual who has not passed the knowledge or skills tests 448 required of other commercial driver's license holders. This license authorizes operation of a commercial 449 motor vehicle only on a seasonal basis, stated on the license, by a seasonal employee of a farm service 450 business, within 150 miles of the place of business or the farm currently being served. 451

'State" means one of the 50 states of the United States or the District of Columbia.

452 "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or 453 gaseous materials within a tank or tanks having an individual rated capacity of more than 119 gallons and an aggregate rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is either permanently or temporarily 454 attached to the vehicle or the chassis. Such vehicles include, but are not limited to, cargo tanks and 455 456 portable tanks, as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 171. However, this definition does not include portable 457 tanks having a rated capacity under 1,000 gallons as provided in 49 C.F.R. Part 383. A commercial 458 motor vehicle transporting an empty storage container tank, not designed for transportation, with a 459 rated capacity of 1,000 gallons or more that is temporarily attached to a flatbed trailer is not 460 considered a tank vehicle.

461 "Third party examiner" means an individual who is an employee of a third party tester and who is 462 certified by the Department to administer the skills test required for a commercial driver's license.

Third party tester" means a person (including, but not limited to, another state, a motor carrier, a 463 464 private institution, or a department, agency, or instrumentality of a local government) certified by the 465 Department to employ third party examiners to administer a skills test program for testing commercial 466 driver's license applicants in accordance with this article.

"VAMCSR" means the Virginia Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (19 VAC 30-20-10 et seq.) adopted 467 468 by the Department of State Police pursuant to § 52-8.4.

#### § 46.2-341.7. Commercial driver's license required; penalty.

470 A. No person shall drive a commercial motor vehicle in the Commonwealth unless he has been 471 issued a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit and unless such license or *permit* authorizes the operation of the type and class of vehicle so driven, and unless such license or 472 473 *permit* is valid.

474 B. Every driver of a commercial motor vehicle, while driving such vehicle in the Commonwealth, 475 shall have in his immediate possession the commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction 476 *permit* authorizing the operation of such vehicle and shall make it available to any law-enforcement 477 officer upon request. Failure to comply with this subsection shall be punishable as provided in 478 § 46.2-104.

479 C. No person shall drive a commercial vehicle in Virginia in violation of any of the restrictions or 480 limitations stated on his commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit. A 481 violation of the subsection shall constitute a Class 2 misdemeanor. 482

#### § 46.2-341.8. Nonresidents and new residents.

483 Any person who is not domiciled in the Commonwealth, who has been duly issued a commercial 484 driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit by his state of domicile, who has such license 485 or permit in his immediate possession, whose privilege or license to drive any motor vehicle is not 486 suspended, revoked, or cancelled, and who has not been disqualified from driving a commercial motor 487 vehicle, shall be permitted without further examination or licensure by the Commonwealth, to drive a 488 commercial motor vehicle in the Commonwealth.

489 Within thirty 30 days after becoming domiciled in this Commonwealth, any person who has been 490 issued a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit by another state and who 491 intends to drive a commercial motor vehicle shall apply to the Department for a Virginia commercial 492 driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit. If the Commissioner determines that such 493 applicant is otherwise eligible for a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction **494** permit, the Department will issue him a Virginia commercial driver's license or commercial driver's 495 instruction permit with the same classification and endorsements as his commercial driver's license or 496 commercial driver's instruction permit from another state, without requiring him to take the knowledge 497 or skills test required for such commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit in **498** accordance with § 46.2-330. The Commissioner may establish, by regulation, the criteria by which the 499 test requirements for a commercial driver's license may be waived for any such applicant.

500 § 46.2-341.9. Eligibility for commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction 501 permit.

502 A Virginia commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit shall be issued only 503 to a person who drives or intends to drive a commercial motor vehicle and who is domiciled in the 504 Commonwealth, provided that any person who is domiciled in a jurisdiction outside the United States, 505 but has resided in the Commonwealth for a period of six weeks, shall be eligible for a commercial 506 driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit under such terms and conditions as the 507 Department may require.

508 No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license or commercial driver's 509 *instruction permit* until he has applied for such license *or permit* and has passed the applicable vision, 510 knowledge and skills tests required by this article, and has satisfied all other applicable licensing 511 requirements imposed by the laws of the Commonwealth. Such requirements shall include meeting the 512 standards contained in subparts F, G, and H, of Part 383 of the FMCSA regulations.

513 No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license or commercial driver's 514 instruction permit during any period in which he is disqualified from driving a commercial motor 515 vehicle, or his driver's license or privilege to drive is suspended, revoked or cancelled in any state, or 516 during any period wherein the restoration of his license or privilege is contingent upon the furnishing of 517 proof of financial responsibility.

518 No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license until he surrenders all other 519 driver's licenses issued to him by any state.

520 No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's instruction permit until he surrenders 521 all other driver's licenses and permits issued to him by any other state. The applicant for a commercial 522 driver's instruction permit is not required to surrender his Virginia noncommercial driver's license.

523 No person under the age of 21 years shall be eligible for a commercial driver's license, except that a 524 person who is at least 18 years of age may be issued a commercial driver's license or commercial 525 driver's instruction permit, provided that such person is exempt from or is not subject to the age 526 requirements of the federal Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations contained in 49 C.F.R. Part 391, 527 and is not prohibited from operating a commercial motor vehicle by the Virginia Motor Carrier Safety 528 Regulations, and has so certified. No person under the age of 21 years shall be issued a hazardous 529 materials endorsement.

530 No person shall be eligible for a Virginia commercial driver's license to drive a Type S vehicle, as 531 defined in subsection B of § 46.2-341.16, during any period in which he is a person for whom 532 registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry is required pursuant to Chapter 9 533 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1.

534 In determining the eligibility of any applicant for a Virginia commercial driver's license, the 535 Department shall consider, to the extent not inconsistent with federal law, the applicant's military 536 training and experience.

537 A person for whom registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors Registry is 538 required pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1 may be issued a Virginia commercial 539 driver's license to drive a Type P vehicle, as defined in subsection B of § 46.2-341.16, provided the 540 commercial driver's license includes a restriction prohibiting the license holder from operating a 541 commercial vehicle to transport children to or from activities sponsored by a school or by a child day 542 care facility licensed, regulated, or approved by the Virginia Department of Social Services. 543

§ 46.2-341.10. Special provisions relating to commercial driver's instruction permit.

544 A. The Department, upon receiving an application on forms prescribed by the Commissioner and 545 upon the applicant's satisfactory completion of the vision and knowledge tests required for the class and 546 type of commercial motor vehicle to be driven by the applicant may, in its discretion, issue to such 547 applicant a commercial driver's instruction permit. Such permit shall expire one year after issuance and 548 shall entitle the applicant to drive a commercial motor vehicle of the class and type designated on the 549 permit, but only when accompanied by a person licensed to drive the class and type of commercial 550 motor vehicle driven by the applicant. The person accompanying the permit holder shall occupy the seat closest to the driver's seat for the purpose of giving instruction to the permit holder in driving the 551

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552 commercial motor vehicle.

553 B. No person shall be issued a commercial driver's instruction permit unless he possesses a valid 554 Virginia driver's license or has satisfied all the requirements necessary to obtain such a license.

555 C. A commercial driver's instruction permit holder with a passenger (P) endorsement (i) must have 556 taken and passed the P endorsement knowledge test and (ii) is prohibited from operating a commercial 557 motor vehicle carrying passengers, other than federal or state auditors and inspectors, test examiners, 558 other trainees, and the commercial driver's license holder accompanying the commercial driver's 559 instruction permit holder. The P endorsement must be class specific.

560 D. A commercial driver's instruction permit holder with a school bus (S) endorsement (i) must have 561 taken and passed the S endorsement knowledge test and (ii) is prohibited from operating a school bus with passengers other than federal or state auditors and inspectors, test examiners, other trainees, and 562 the commercial driver's license holder accompanying the commercial driver's instruction permit holder. 563 564 No person shall be issued a commercial driver's instruction permit to drive school buses or to drive any commercial vehicle to transport children to or from activities sponsored by a school or by a child day 565 care facility licensed, regulated, or approved by the Virginia Department of Social Services during any 566 period in which he is a person for whom registration with the Sex Offender and Crimes Against Minors 567 568 Registry is required pursuant to Chapter 9 (§ 9.1-900 et seq.) of Title 9.1.

569 E. A commercial driver's instruction permit holder with a tank vehicle (N) endorsement (i) must have 570 taken and passed the N endorsement knowledge test and (ii) may only operate an empty tank vehicle 571 and is prohibited from operating any tank vehicle that previously contained hazardous materials that 572 has not been purged of any residue.

573 F. The issuance of a commercial driver's instruction permit is a precondition to the initial issuance of a commercial driver's license and to the upgrade of a commercial driver's license if the upgrade 574 575 requires a skills test. The commercial driver's instruction permit holder is not eligible to take the 576 commercial driver's license skills test until he has held the permit for the required period of time 577 specified in § 46.2-324.1.

578 G. Any instruction permit holder who operates a commercial motor vehicle without being 579 accompanied by a licensed driver as provided in this section is guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor.

580 H. The Department shall charge a fee of three dollars for each instruction permit issued under the 581 provisions of this section.

#### 582 § 46.2-341.12. Application for commercial driver's license and commercial driver's instruction 583 permit.

584 A. Every application to the Department for a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's 585 instruction permit shall be made upon a form approved and furnished by the Department, and the 586 applicant shall write his usual signature in ink in the space provided. The applicant shall provide the 587 following information: 588

1. Full legal name;

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- 2. Current mailing and residential addresses;
- 590 3. Physical description including sex, height, weight and eye and hair color;
- 591 4. Year, month and date of birth;
- 592 5. Social Security number; and
  - 6. Any other information required on the application form.

594 The applicant's Social Security number shall be provided to the Commercial Driver's License 595 Information System as required by 49 C.F.R. § 383.153.

596 B. Every applicant for a commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit shall 597 also submit to the Department the following: 598

- 1. A consent to release driving record information;
- 599 2. Certifications that:
- 600 a. He either meets the federal qualification requirements of 49 C.F.R. Part 391, or he is exempt from 601 or is not subject to such federal requirements;
- 602 b. He either meets the state qualification requirements established pursuant to § 52-8.4, or he is 603 exempt from or is not subject to such requirements;
- 604 c. The motor vehicle in which the applicant takes the skills test is representative of the class and, if 605 applicable, the type of motor vehicle for which the applicant seeks to be licensed;
- 606 d. He is not subject to any disqualification, suspension, revocation or cancellation of his driving 607 privileges;
- 608 e. He does not have more than one driver's license;
- 3. Other certifications required by the Department; 609

610 4. Any evidence required by the Department to establish proof of identity, legal presence, residency, 611 and social security number; and

5. A statement indicating whether (i) the applicant has previously been licensed to drive any type of 612 613 motor vehicle during the previous 10 years and, if so, all states that licensed the applicant and the dates 614 he was licensed, and (ii) whether or not he has ever been disqualified, or his license suspended, revoked615 or cancelled and, if so, the date of and reason therefor.

616 C. Every application for a commercial driver's license shall include a photograph of the applicant 617 supplied under arrangements made therefor by the Department in accordance with § 46.2-323.

618 D. The Department shall disqualify any commercial driver for a period of one year when the records
 619 of the Department clearly show to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that such person has made a
 620 material false statement on any application or certification made for a commercial driver's license or
 621 commercial driver's instruction permit. The Department shall take such action within 30 days after
 622 discovering such falsification.

623 E. The Department shall review the driving record of any person who applies for a Virginia 624 commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit, for the renewal or reinstatement of 625 such license or permit or for an additional commercial classification or endorsement, including the 626 driving record from all jurisdictions where, during the previous 10 years, the applicant was licensed to 627 drive any type of motor vehicle. Such review shall include checking the photograph on record whenever 628 the applicant or holder appears in person to renew, upgrade, transfer, reinstate, or obtain a duplicate 629 commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit. If appropriate, the Department 630 shall incorporate information from such other jurisdictions' records into the applicant's Virginia driving 631 record, and shall make a notation on the applicant's driving record confirming that such review has been 632 completed and the date it was completed. The Department's review shall include research through the 633 Commercial Driver License Information System established pursuant to the Commercial Motor Vehicle 634 Safety Act and the National Driver Register Problem Driver Pointer System in addition to the driver record maintained by the applicant's previous jurisdictions of licensure. This research shall be completed 635 636 prior to the issuance, renewal, or reinstatement of a commercial driver's license or additional commercial 637 classification or endorsement.

The Department shall verify the name, date of birth, and Social Security number provided by the
applicant with the information on file with the Social Security Administration for initial issuance of a
commercial driver's instruction permit, transfer of a commercial driver's license from another state or
for drivers renewing a commercial driver's license for the first time after July 8, 2011, who have not
previously had their Social Security number information verified. The Department shall make a notation
in the driver's record confirming that the necessary verification has been completed and noting the date
it was done.

645 F. On and after January 30, 2012, every new applicant for a commercial driver's license or **646** *commercial driver's instruction permit*, including any person applying for a commercial driver's license 647 or permit after revocation of his driving privileges, who certifies that he will operate a commercial 648 motor vehicle in non-excepted interstate or intrastate commerce shall provide the Department with an 649 original or certified copy of a medical examiner's certificate prepared by a medical examiner as defined 650 in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5. Any new applicant for a commercial driver's license who fails to comply with 651 the requirements of this subsection shall be denied the issuance of a commercial driver's license by the 652 Department.

653 G. On and after January 30, 2012, but no later than January 30, 2014, every existing holder of a 654 commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit who certifies that he will operate a 655 commercial motor vehicle in non-excepted interstate or intrastate commerce shall provide the Department with an original or certified copy of a medical examiner's certificate prepared by a medical 656 examiner as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5. If an existing holder of a commercial driver's license fails 657 658 to provide the Department with a medical certificate as required by this subsection, the Department shall 659 post a certification status of "noncertified" on the record of the driver on the Commercial Driver's 660 License Information System and initiate a downgrade of his commercial driver's license as defined in 49 **661** C.F.R. Part 383.5.

H. Any person who provides a medical certificate to the Department pursuant to the requirements of
subsections F and G shall keep the medical certificate information current and shall notify the
Department of any change in the status of the medical certificate. If the Department determines that the
medical certificate is no longer valid, the Department shall initiate a downgrade of the driver's
commercial driver's license as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 383.5.

I. If the Department receives notice that the holder of a commercial driver's license has been issued a
medical variance as defined in 49 C.F.R. Part 390.5, the Department shall indicate the existence of such
medical variance on the commercial driver's license document of the driver and on the record of the
driver on the Commercial Driver's License Information System using the restriction code "V."

671 J. Any holder of a commercial driver's license who has been issued a medical variance shall keep the
672 medical variance information current and shall notify the Department of any change in the status of the
673 medical variance. If the Department determines that the medical variance is no longer valid, the
674 Department shall initiate a downgrade of the driver's commercial driver's license as defined in 49 C.F.R.

675 Part 383.5.

676 K. Any applicant applying for a hazardous materials endorsement must comply with Transportation Security Administration requirements in 49 C.F.R. Part 1572. A lawful permanent resident of the United 677 678 States requesting a hazardous materials endorsement must additionally provide his U.S. Citizenship and

679 *Immigration Services (USCIS) alien registration number.* 

#### 680 § 46.2-341.14. Testing requirements for commercial driver's license; behind-the-wheel and 681 knowledge examinations.

A. The Department shall conduct an examination of every applicant for a commercial driver's license, 682 683 which examination shall comply with the minimum federal standards established pursuant to the federal **684** Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act. The examination shall be designed to test the vision, knowledge, and skills required for the safe operation of the class and type of commercial motor vehicle for which **685** 686 the applicant seeks a license.

687 B. An applicant's skills test shall be conducted in a vehicle that is representative of or meets the 688 description of the class of vehicle for which the applicant seeks to be licensed. In addition, applicants 689 who seek to be licensed to drive vehicles with air brakes, passenger-carrying vehicles, or school buses 690 must take the skills test in a vehicle that is representative of such vehicle type. Such vehicle shall be 691 furnished by the applicant and shall be properly licensed, inspected and insured.

C. Prior to April 1, 1992, the Commissioner may waive the skills test for applicants licensed at the **692** 693 time they apply for a commercial driver's license if:

694 1. The applicant has not, and certifies that he has not, at any time during the two years immediately 695 preceding the date of application:

696 a. Had more than one driver's license, except during the ten-day period beginning on the date such 697 person is issued a driver's license, or unless, prior to December 31, 1989, such applicant was required to 698 have more than one license by a state law enacted before June 1, 1986; 699

b. Had any driver's license or driving privilege suspended, revoked or canceled;

700 c. Had any convictions involving any kind of motor vehicle for the offenses listed in § 46.2-341.18, 701 46.2-341.19, or 46.2-341.20; and

702 d. Been convicted of a violation of state or local laws relating to motor vehicle traffic control, other 703 than a parking violation, which violation arose in connection with any reportable traffic accident; and

704 2. The applicant certifies and provides evidence satisfactory to the Commissioner that he is regularly 705 employed in a job requiring the operation of a commercial motor vehicle, and either:

706 a. Has previously taken and successfully completed a skills test which was administered by a state 707 with a classified licensing and testing system and that test was behind the wheel in a vehicle 708 representative of the class and, if applicable, the type of commercial motor vehicle for which the 709 applicant seeks to be licensed; or

b. Has operated, for at least two years immediately preceding the application date, a vehicle 710 711 representative of the class and, if applicable, the type of commercial motor vehicle for which the 712 applicant seeks to be licensed.

713 D. The Commissioner may, in his discretion, designate such persons as he deems fit, including 714 private or governmental entities, to administer the skills tests required of applicants for a commercial 715 driver's license. Any person so designated shall comply with all statutes and regulations promulgated by 716 the Commissioner with respect to the administration of such skills tests.

717 The Commissioner shall require all state knowledge and skills test examiners to successfully complete 718 a formal commercial driver's license test examiner training course and examination before certifying 719 them to administer commercial driver's license knowledge and skills tests. State test examiners shall 720 complete a refresher training course and examination every four years to maintain their commercial 721 driver's license test examiner certification. The refresher training course shall comply with 49 C.F.R. 722 § 384.228. At least once every two years, the Department shall conduct covert and overt monitoring of 723 examinations performed by state commercial driver's license skills test examiners.

724 E. Every applicant for a commercial driver's license who is required by the Commissioner to take a 725 vision test shall either (i) appear before a license examiner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to 726 demonstrate his visual acuity and horizontal field of vision; or (ii) submit with his application a copy of 727 the vision examination report of which was used as the basis for such examination made within ninety 90 days of the application date by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. The Commissioner may, by 728 729 regulation, determine whether any other visual tests will satisfy the requirements of this title for 730 commercial drivers.

731 F. No person who fails the behind-the-wheel examination for a commercial driver's license 732 administered by the Department three times shall be permitted to take such examination a fourth time until he successfully completes, subsequent to the third examination failure, the in-vehicle component of 733 driver instruction at a driver training school licensed under Chapter 17 (§ 46.2-1700 et seq.) or a 734 comparable course approved by the Department or the Department of Education. In addition, no person 735 736 who fails the general knowledge examination for a commercial driver's license administered by the

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737 Department three times shall be permitted to take such examination a fourth time until he successfully 738 completes, subsequent to the third examination failure, the knowledge component of driver instruction at 739 a driver training school licensed under Chapter 17 (§ 46.2-1700 et seq.) or a comparable course 740 approved by the Department or the Department of Education.

741 The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to persons placed under medical control pursuant to 742 § 46.2-322.

743 G. Knowledge tests may be administered in written form, verbally, or in automated format and can 744 be administered in a foreign language, provided no interpreter is used in administering the test.

745 H. Interpreters are prohibited during the administration of the skills tests. Applicants must be able to 746 understand and respond to verbal commands and instructions in English by a skills test examiner. 747 Neither the applicant nor the examiner may communicate in a language other than English during the 748 skills test. 749

#### § 46.2-341.14:1. Requirements for third party testers.

750 A. Pursuant to § 46.2-341.14, third party testers will be authorized to issue skills test certificates, 751 which will be accepted by the Department as evidence of satisfaction of the skills test component of the 752 commercial driver's license examination. Authority to issue skills test certificates will be granted only to 753 third party testers certified by the Department. 754

B. To qualify for certification, a third party tester shall:

755 1. Make application to and enter into an agreement with the Department as provided in 756 § 46.2-341.14:3;

757 2. Maintain a place of business in Virginia;

758 3. Have at least one certified third party examiner in his employ;

759 4. Ensure that all third party examiners in his employ are certified and comply with the requirements 760 of §§ 46.2-341.14:2 and 46.2-341.14:7;

5. Permit the Department and the FMCSA of the U.S. Department of Transportation to examine 761 762 records that relate to the third party testing program and to audit his testing program;

763 6. Maintain at the principal place of business a copy of the state certificate authorizing the third 764 party tester to administer a commercial driver's license skills testing program and current third party 765 agreement;

766 7. Maintain at a Virginia location, for a minimum of two years after a skills test is conducted, a 767 record of each driver for whom the third party tester conducts a skills test, whether the driver passes or 768 fails the test. Each such record shall include:

769 a. The complete name of the driver:

770 b. The driver's Social Security number or other driver's license number and the name of the state or 771 jurisdiction that issued the license held by the driver at the time of the test;

772 c. The date the driver took the skills test:

773 d. The test score sheet or sheets showing the results of the skills test and a copy of the skills test 774 certificate, if issued; 775

e. The name and certification number of the third party examiner conducting the skills test; and

776 f. Evidence of the driver's employment with the third party tester at the time the test was taken. If the 777 third party tester is a school board that tests drivers who are trained but not employed by the school board, evidence that (i) the driver was employed by a school board at the time of the test and (ii) the 778 779 third party tester trained the driver in accordance with the Virginia School Bus Driver Training 780 Curriculum Guide;

781 8. Maintain at a Virginia location a record of each third party examiner in the employ of the third 782 party tester. Each record shall include:

783 a. Name and Social Security number;

784 b. Evidence of the third party examiner's certification by the Department;

785 c. A copy of the third party examiner's current driving record, which must be updated annually;

786 d. Evidence that the third party examiner is an employee of the third party tester; and

787 e. If the third party tester is a school board, a copy of the third party examiner's certification of 788 instruction issued by the Virginia Department of Education;

789 9. Retain the records required in subdivision 8 for at least two years after the third party examiner 790 leaves the employ of the third party tester;

791 10. Ensure that skills tests are conducted, and that skills test certificates are issued in accordance 792 with the requirements of §§ 46.2-341.14:8 and 46.2-341.14:9 and the instructions provided by the 793 Department; and

794 11. Maintain compliance with all applicable provisions of this article and the third party tester 795 agreement executed pursuant to § 46.2-341.14:3.

796 C. In addition to the requirements listed in subsection B, all third party testers who are not 797 governmental entities shall:

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798 1. Be engaged in a business involving the use of commercial motor vehicles, which business has been 799 in operation in Virginia for a minimum of one year;

800 2. Employ at least 75 Virginia-licensed drivers of commercial motor vehicles, during the 12-month 801 period preceding the application, including part-time and seasonal drivers. This requirement may be 802 waived by the Department pursuant to § 46.2-341.14:10:

803 3. If subject to the FMCSA regulations and rated by the U.S. Department of Transportation, maintain a rating of "satisfactory"; and 804

805 4. Comply with the Virginia Motor Carrier Safety Regulations.

806 § 46.2-341.14:2. Requirements for third party examiners.

807 A. Third party examiners may be certified to conduct skills tests on behalf of only one third party tester at any given time. If a third party examiner leaves the employ of a third party tester he must be 808 809 recertified in order to conduct skills tests on behalf of a new third party tester. 810

B. To qualify for certification as a third party examiner, an individual must:

1. Make application to the Department as provided in § 46.2-341.14:3;

2. Be an employee of the third party tester;

813 3. Possess a valid Virginia commercial driver's license with the classification and endorsements 814 required for operation of the class and type of commercial motor vehicle used in skills tests conducted 815 by the examiner: 816

4. Satisfactorily complete any third party examiner training course required by the Department;

817 5. Within three years prior to application have had no driver's license suspensions, revocations, or 818 disqualifications;

- 819 6. At the time of application have no more than six demerit points on his driving record and not be 820 on probation under the Virginia Driver Improvement Program;
- 7. Within three years prior to application, have had no conviction for any offense listed in § 46.2-341.18 or 46.2-341.19, whether or not such offense was committed in a commercial motor 821 822 823 vehicle;
- 824 8. If the examiner is employed by a school board, be certified by the Virginia Department of 825 Education as a school bus training instructor;

826 9. Conduct skills tests on behalf of the third party tester in accordance with this article and in 827 accordance with current instructions provided by the Department; and

828 10. Successfully complete a training course and examination every four years to maintain the 829 commercial driver's license test examiner certification. 830

#### § 46.2-341.14:3. Application for certification by the Department.

A. Application for third party tester certification.

832 1. An applicant for certification shall provide the following information in a format prescribed by the 833 Department: 834

a. Name and address and telephone number of principal office or headquarters;

b. Name, title, address, and telephone number of an individual in Virginia who has been designated 835 836 to be the applicant's contact person with the Department;

837 c. Description of the vehicle fleet owned or leased by the applicant, including the number of 838 commercial motor vehicles by class and type;

839 d. Classes and types of commercial motor vehicles for which the applicant seeks to be certified as a 840 third party tester;

841 e. Total number of Virginia licensed drivers employed during the preceding 12 months to operate 842 commercial motor vehicles and the number of such drivers who are full time, part time, and seasonal;

843 f. Name, driver's license number, and home address of each employee who is to be certified as a 844 third party examiner. If any employee has previously been certified as an examiner by the Department, 845 the examiner's certification number;

g. The address of each Virginia location where the third party tester intends to conduct skills tests 846 847 and a map, drawing, or written description of each driving course that satisfies the Department's 848 requirements for a skills test course;

849 h. If the applicant is not a governmental entity, it shall also provide: (i) a description of the 850 applicant's business and length of time in business in Virginia; (ii) if subject to the FMCSA regulations, the applicant's Interstate Commerce Commission number or U.S. Department of Transportation number 851 852 and rating; and (iii) the applicant's State Corporation Commission number; and

853 *i.* Any other relevant information required by the Department.

854 2. An applicant for certification shall also execute an agreement in a format prescribed by the 855 Department in which the applicant agrees, at a minimum, to comply with the regulations and instructions of the Department for third party testers, including audit procedures, and agrees to hold the 856 Department harmless from liability resulting from the third party tester's administration of its 857 858 commercial driver's license skills test program.

859 B. Application for third party examiner certification.

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- 860 1. An applicant for certification shall provide the following information in a format prescribed by the 861 Department:
- 862 a. Name and home and business addresses and telephone numbers:
- 863 b. Driver's license number;

864 c. Name, address, and telephone number of the principal office or headquarters of the applicant's 865 employer, who has applied for and received certification as a third party tester;

866 d. Job title and description of duties and responsibilities;

867 e. Length of time employed by present employer. If less than two years, list previous employer, 868 address, and telephone number;

869 f. Present employer's recommendation of the applicant for certification;

870 g. A list of the classes and types of vehicles for which the applicant seeks certification to conduct 871 skills tests: and

872 h. Any other relevant information required by the Department. 873

C. Evaluation of applicant by the Department.

874 1. The Department will evaluate the materials submitted by the third party tester applicant, and, if 875 the application materials are satisfactory, the Department will schedule an onsite inspection and audit 876 of the applicant's third party testing program to complete the evaluation.

877 2. The Department will evaluate the materials submitted by the third party examiner applicant as 878 well as the applicant's driving record. If the application materials and driving record are satisfactory, 879 the Department will schedule the applicant for third party examiner training. Training may be waived if 880 the applicant is seeking recertification only because he has changed employers.

881 3. No more than two applications will be accepted from any one third party tester or examiner 882 applicant in any 12-month period, excluding applications for recertification because of a change in 883 employers. 884

## § 46.2-341.14:4. Certification by the Department.

A. Upon successful application and evaluation, a third party tester will be issued a letter or 885 886 certificate that will evidence his authority to administer a third party testing program and issue skills 887 test certificates for the classes and types of vehicles listed.

888 B. Upon successful application, evaluation, and training, a third party examiner will be issued a 889 letter or certificate that will evidence his authority to conduct skills tests for the classes and types of 890 commercial motor vehicles listed.

891 C. Certification will remain valid until canceled by the Department or voluntarily relinquished by the 892 third party tester or examiner. 893

#### § 46.2-341.14:5. Terminating certification of third party tester or examiner.

894 A. Any third party tester or examiner may relinquish certification upon 30 days' notice to the 895 Department. Relinquishment of certification by a third party tester or examiner shall not release such 896 tester or examiner from any responsibility or liability that arises from his activities as a third party 897 tester or examiner.

898 B. The Department reserves the right to cancel the third party testing program established by this 899 article, in its entirety.

900 C. The Department shall revoke the skills testing certification of any examiner:

901 1. Who does not conduct skills test examinations of at least 10 different applicants per calendar 902 year. However, examiners who do not meet the 10-test minimum must either take a refresher commercial 903 driver's license training that complies with 49 C.F.R. § 384.228 or have a Department examiner ride 904 along to observe the third party examiner successfully administer at least one skills test; or

905 2. Who does not successfully complete the required refresher training every four years pursuant to 906 49 C.F.R.§ 384.228.

907 D. The Department may cancel the certification of an individual third party tester or examiner upon 908 the following grounds:

909 1. Failure to comply with or satisfy any of the provisions of this article, federal standards for the 910 commercial driver's license testing program, the Department's instructions, or the third party tester 911 agreement;

912 2. Falsification of any record or information relating to the third party testing program; or

913 3. Commission of any act that compromises the integrity of the third party testing program.

914 E. If the Department determines that grounds for cancellation exist for failure to comply with or 915 satisfy any of the requirements of this chapter or the third party tester agreement, the Department may 916 postpone cancellation and allow the third party tester or examiner 30 days to correct the deficiency. 917 § 46.2-341.14:6. Onsite inspections and audits.

918 A. Each applicant for certification as a third party tester shall permit the Department to conduct 919 random examinations and to inspect and audit its operations, facilities, and records as they relate to its third party testing program, for the purpose of determining whether the applicant is qualified for 920

- 921 certification. Each person who has been certified as a third party tester shall permit the Department to
- 922 periodically inspect and audit his third party testing program to determine whether it remains in 923 compliance with certification requirements.
- 924 B. The Department will perform its random examinations, inspections, and audits of third party 925 testers during regular business hours with or without prior notice to the third party tester.
- 926 C. Inspections and audits of third party testers will occur at a minimum once every two years and 927 include, at a minimum, an examination of:
- 928 1. Records relating to the third party testing program;
- 2. Evidence of compliance with the FMCSA regulations and Virginia Motor Carrier Safety 929 930 Regulations;
- 931 3. Skills testing procedures, practices, and operations;
- 932 4. Vehicles used for testing;
- 5. Qualifications of third party examiners; 933
- 934 6. Effectiveness of the skills test program by either (i) testing a sample of drivers who have been 935 issued skills test certificates by the third party tester to compare pass/fail results, (ii) having Department 936 employees covertly take the skills tests from a third party examiner, or (iii) having Department 937 employees co-score along with the third party examiner during commercial driver's license applicant's 938 skills tests to compare pass/fail results;
- 939 7. A comparison of the commercial driver's license skills test results of applicants who are issued 940 commercial driver's licenses with the commercial driver's license scoring sheets that are maintained in 941 the third party testers' files; and
- 942 8. Any other aspect of the third party tester's operation that the Department determines is necessary 943 to verify that the third party tester meets or continues to meet the requirements for certification.
- 944 D. The Department will prepare a written report of the results of each inspection and audit of third 945 party testers. A copy of the report will be provided to the third party tester.
- 946 § 46.2-341.14:7. Notification requirements.
- 947 A. Every third party tester shall:
- 948 1. Notify the Department in a format prescribed by the Department within 10 days of any change in:
- 949 a. The third party tester's name or address; or
- 950 b. The third party examiners who are employed by the third party tester.
- 951 2. Notify the Department in a format prescribed by the Department within 10 days of any of the 952 following occurrences:
- 953 a. The third party tester ceases business operations in Virginia;
- 954 b. The third party tester fails to comply with any of the requirements set forth in this article; or
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- c. Any third party examiner fails to comply with any of the requirements set forth in this article. 3. Notify the Department of any proposed change in the skills test route at least 30 days before the 956 957 third party tester plans to change the route.
- 958 B. Every third party examiner shall notify the Department, within 10 days after leaving the employ of the third party tester, of his change in employment. 959 960
  - § 46.2-341.14:8. Test administration.
- 961 A. Skills tests shall be conducted strictly in accordance with the provisions of this article and with current test instructions provided from time to time by the Department. Such instructions will include 962 963 test forms and directions for completing such forms. 964
  - B. Skills tests shall be conducted:
- 965 1. On test routes that are located at least in part in Virginia and have been approved by the 966 Department;
- 967 2. In a vehicle that is representative of the class and type of vehicle for which the commercial 968 driver's license applicant seeks to be licensed and for which the third party tester and third party 969 examiner are certified to test; and 970
  - 3. In vehicles that are inspected, licensed, and insured, as required by law.
- 971 C. All third party testers shall submit a skills test schedule of commercial driver's license skills 972 testing appointments to the Department no later than two business days prior to each test.
- 973 D. All third party testers shall notify the Department through secure electronic means when a driver 974 applicant passes skills tests. 975

## § 46.2-341.14:9. The skills test certificate.

- 976 A. The Department will accept a skills test certificate issued in accordance with this section as 977 satisfaction of the skills test component of the commercial driver's license examination.
- 978 B. Skills test certificates may be issued only to drivers who are employees of the third party tester 979 who issues the certificate, except as otherwise provided herein. In the case of school boards certified as third party testers, certificates may be issued to employees and to other drivers who have been trained 980 981 by the school board in accordance with the Virginia School Bus Driver Training Curriculum Guide.
- 982 C. Skills test certificates may be issued only to drivers who have passed the skills test conducted in

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983 accordance with this chapter and the instructions issued by the Department.

984 D. A skills test certificate will be accepted by the Department only if it is:

- 985 1. Issued by a third party tester certified by the Department in accordance with this article;
- 986 2. In a format prescribed by the Department, completed in its entirety, without alteration;
- 987 3. Submitted to the Department within 60 days of the date of the skills test; and
- 988 4. Signed by the third party examiner who conducted the skills test.
- 989 § 46.2-341.14:10. Waiver of requirement that third party tester applicant employ 75 drivers.
- 990 A. Any applicant for certification as third party tester may submit with his application a request for 991 a waiver of the requirement that the third party tester employ at least 75 drivers within the 12-month
- 992 period preceding the application.
- 993 Such request shall include the following:
- 994 1. A statement of need. This statement should explain why the applicant should be certified as a third 995 party tester. The statement should also include reasons why the testing facilities or programs offered by 996 the Department will not meet the applicant's business requirements.
- 997 2. An estimate of the number of employees per year who will require commercial driver's license **998** skills testing after April 1, 1992. If the waiver request is filed prior to April 1, 1992, the request should 999 also include an estimate of the number of employees who will require skills testing prior to that date.
- 1000 B. The Department will review the applicant's waiver request and will evaluate the Department's 1001 testing and third party monitoring resources. The Department will decide whether to grant the waiver 1002 request after balancing the stated needs of the applicant and the available resources of the Department. 1003 The Department will notify the applicant in writing of its decision.
- 1004 § 46.2-341.15. Commercial driver's license and commercial driver's instruction permit 1005 document.
- 1006 A. The commercial driver's license issued by the Department shall be identified as a Virginia 1007 commercial driver's license and shall include at least the following:
- 1008 1. Full name, a Virginia address, and signature of the licensee; 1009
  - 2. A photograph of the licensee:
- 1010 3. A physical description of the licensee, including sex and height;
- 1011 4. The licensee's date of birth and license number that shall be assigned by the Department to the 1012 licensee and shall not be the same as the licensee's Social Security number;
- 1013 5. A designation of the class and type of commercial motor vehicle or vehicles which the licensee is 1014 authorized to drive, together with any restrictions; and
- 1015 6. The date of license issuance and expiration.
- 1016 B. The commercial driver's instruction permit shall be identified as such but shall in all other 1017 respects conform to subsection A of this section. A commercial driver's instruction permit shall also 1018 contain a statement that the permit is invalid unless accompanied by the underlying driver's license. 1019
  - § 46.2-341.16. Vehicle classifications, restrictions, and endorsements.
- 1020 A. A commercial driver's license or commercial driver's instruction permit shall authorize the 1021 licensee or permit holder to operate only the classes and types of commercial motor vehicles designated 1022 thereon. The classes of commercial motor vehicles for which such license may be issued are:
- 1023 1. Class A-Combination heavy vehicle. - Any combination of vehicles with a gross combination 1024 weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, provided the gross vehicle weight rating of the vehicles being 1025 towed is in excess of 10,000 pounds;
- 1026 2. Class B-Heavy straight vehicle or other combination. - Any single motor vehicle with a gross 1027 vehicle weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, or any such vehicle towing a vehicle with a gross vehicle weight rating that is not in excess of 10,000 pounds; and 1028
- 1029 3. Class C-Small vehicle. - Any vehicle that does not fit the definition of a Class A or Class B 1030 vehicle and is either (i) designed to transport sixteen or more passengers including the driver or (ii) is 1031 used in the transportation of hazardous materials.
- 1032 B. Commercial driver's licenses shall be issued with endorsements and restrictions authorizing the 1033 driver to operate or restricting the driver to the types of vehicles identified as follows:
- 1034 1. Type T-Vehicles with double or triple trailers;
- 1035 2. Type P-Vehicles carrying passengers;
- 1036 3. Type N-Vehicles with cargo tanks;
- 1037 4. Type H-Vehicles required to be placarded for hazardous materials;
- 1038 5. Type K-Vehicles not equipped with air brakes; and
- 1039 6. Type S-School buses carrying 16 or more passengers, including the driver;
- 1040 6. Type X-combination of tank vehicle and hazardous materials endorsements for commercial driver's 1041 licenses issued on or after July 1, 2014; and
- 1042 7. At the discretion of the Department, any additional codes for groupings of endorsements with an 1043 explanation of such code appearing on the front or back of the license.

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- 1044 C. Commercial driver's licenses shall be issued with restrictions limiting the driver to the types of 1045 vehicles identified as follows:
- 1046 1. L for no air brake equipped commercial motor vehicles for licenses issued on or after July 1, 1047 2014;
- 1048 2. Z for no full air brake equipped commercial motor vehicles;
- 3. E for no manual transmission equipped commercial motor vehicles [ for commercial driver's 1049 1050 licenses issued on or after July 1, 2014 ];
- 4. O for no tractor-trailer commercial motor vehicles; 1051
- 1052 5. *M* for no class A passenger vehicles;
- 1053 6. N for no class A and B passenger vehicles;
- 7. K for vehicles not equipped with air brakes for commercial driver's licenses issued before July 1, 1054 2014: 1055
- 1056 8. K for intrastate only for commercial driver's licenses issued on or after July 1, 2014;
- 1057 9. V for medical variance; and
- 1058 10. At the discretion of the Department, any additional codes for groupings of restrictions with an 1059 explanation of such code appearing on the front or back of the license.
- 1060 D. Commercial driver's instruction permits shall be issued with endorsements authorizing the driver 1061 to operate the types of vehicles identified as follows:
- 1062 1. Type P-Vehicles carrying passengers as provided in § 46.2-341.10; 1063
  - 2. Type N-Vehicles with cargo tanks as provided in § 46.2-341.10; and
- 3. Type S-School buses carrying 16 or more passengers, including the driver as provided in 1064 § 46.2-341.10. 1065
- 1066 E. Commercial driver's instruction permits shall be issued with restrictions limiting the driver to the 1067 types of vehicles identified as follows: 1068
  - 1. P for no passengers in commercial motor vehicles bus;
  - 2. X for no cargo in commercial motor vehicles tank vehicle;
- 1070 3. L for no air brake equipped commercial motor vehicles for commercial driver's instruction permits 1071 issued on or after July 1, 2014;
- 1072 4. *M* for no class *A* passenger vehicles:
- 1073 5. N for no class A and B passenger vehicles;
- 1074 6. K for vehicles not equipped with air brakes for commercial driver's instruction permits issued 1075 before July 1, 2014;
- 1076 7. K for intrastate only for commercial driver's instruction permits issued on or after July 1, 2014;
- 1077 8. V for medical variance; and 1078
  - 9. Any additional jurisdictional restrictions that apply to the commercial driver's instruction permit.
- 1079 C. F. Persons authorized to drive Class A vehicles are also authorized to drive Classes B and C 1080 vehicles, provided such persons possess the requisite endorsements for the type of vehicle driven.
- 1081 D. G. Persons authorized to drive Class B vehicles are also authorized to drive Class C vehicles, 1082 provided such persons possess the requisite endorsements for the type of vehicle driven.
- 1083 E. H, Any licensee who seeks to add a classification or endorsement to his commercial driver's 1084 license must submit the application forms, certifications and other updated information required by the 1085 Department and shall take and successfully complete the tests required for such classification or 1086 endorsement.
- 1087 F. If any endorsement to a commercial driver's license is canceled by the Department and the 1088 licensee does not appear in person at the Department to have such endorsement removed from the 1089 license, then the Department may cancel the commercial driver's license of the licensee. 1090

## § 46.2-341.20. Disgualification for multiple serious traffic violations.

- 1091 A. For the purposes of this section, the following offenses, if committed in a commercial motor 1092 vehicle, are serious traffic violations:
- 1093 1. Driving at a speed 15 or more miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limits;
- 1094 2. Reckless driving;
- 1095 3. A violation of a state law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control arising in 1096 connection with a fatal traffic accident;
- 1097 4. Improper or erratic traffic lane change;
- 1098 5. Following the vehicle ahead too closely;
- 1099 6. Driving a commercial motor vehicle without obtaining a commercial driver's license;
- 1100 7. Driving a commercial motor vehicle without a commercial driver's license in the driver's 1101 immediate possession;
- 1102 8. Driving a commercial motor vehicle without the proper class of commercial driver's license and/or 1103 endorsements for the specific vehicle group being operated or for the passengers or type of cargo being transported; and 1104
- 1105 9. A violation of <u>§ 46.2-1078.1</u> or a substantially similar law of any other jurisdiction a state law,

1106 including §§ 46.2-341.20:5 and 46.2-919.1 or a local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control 1107 prohibiting texting while driving.

1108 For the purposes of this section, parking, vehicle weight, and vehicle defect violations shall not be 1109 considered traffic violations.

1110 B. Beginning September 30, 2005, the following offenses shall be treated as serious traffic violations 1111 if committed while operating a noncommercial motor vehicle, but only if (i) the person convicted of the 1112 offense was, at the time of the offense, the holder of a commercial driver's license; (ii) the offense was 1113 committed on or after September 30, 2005; and (iii) the conviction, by itself or in conjunction with 1114 other convictions that satisfy the requirements of this section, resulted in the revocation, cancellation, or 1115 suspension of such person's driver's license or privilege to drive.

1116 1. Driving at a speed 15 or more miles per hour in excess of the posted speed limits; 1117

2. Reckless driving;

1118 3. A violation of a state law or local ordinance relating to motor vehicle traffic control arising in 1119 connection with a fatal traffic accident;

1120 4. Improper or erratic traffic lane change; or 1121

5. Following the vehicle ahead too closely.

1122 C. The Department shall disqualify for the following periods of time, any person whose record as 1123 maintained by the Department shows that he has committed, within any three-year period, the requisite 1124 number of serious traffic violations:

1125 1. A 60-day disqualification period for any person convicted of two serious traffic violations; or

1126 2. A 120-day disgualification period for any person convicted of three serious traffic violations.

1127 D. Any disqualification period imposed pursuant to this section shall run consecutively, and not 1128 concurrently, with any other disqualification period imposed hereunder.

§ 46.2-341.20:4. Disqualification of driver convicted of fraud related to the testing and issuance of 1129 1130 a commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial driver's license.

1131 A person who has been convicted of fraud pursuant to § 46.2-348 related to the issuance of a 1132 commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial driver's license shall be disqualified for a period 1133 of one year. The application of a person so convicted who seeks to renew, transfer, or upgrade the 1134 fraudulently obtained commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial driver's license must also, at a minimum, be disqualified. Any disqualification must be recorded in the person's driving record. The 1135 1136 person may not reapply for a new commercial driver's license for at least one year.

1137 If a Department receives credible information that a commercial driver's instruction permit holder or 1138 commercial driver's license holder is suspected, but has not been convicted, of fraud related to the 1139 issuance of his commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial driver's license, the Department 1140 shall require the driver to retake the skills test or knowledge test, or both. Within 30 days of receiving 1141 notification from the Department that re-testing is necessary, the affected commercial driver's instruction 1142 permit holder or commercial driver's license holder must make an appointment or otherwise schedule to 1143 take the next available test. If the commercial driver's instruction permit holder or commercial driver's 1144 license holder fails to make an appointment within 30 days, the Department shall disqualify his 1145 commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial driver's license. If the driver fails either the 1146 knowledge or skills test or does not take the test, the Department shall disqualify his commercial 1147 driver's instruction permit or commercial driver's license. Once a commercial driver's instruction permit 1148 holder's or commercial driver's license holder's commercial driver's instruction permit or commercial 1149 driver's license has been disqualified, he must reapply for a commercial driver's instruction permit or 1150 commercial driver's license under Department procedures applicable to all commercial driver's 1151 instruction permit and commercial driver's license applicants. 1152

## § 46.2-341.20:5. Prohibition for texting; penalties.

1153 A. No person driving a commercial motor vehicle shall text while driving such vehicle. A driver who 1154 violates this section is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$2,750. Civil penalties collected under this 1155 section shall be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund.

1156 B. Notwithstanding the definition of commercial motor vehicle in § 46.2-341.4, this section shall 1157 apply to any driver who drives  $\left[\frac{i}{i}\right]$  a vehicle designed or used to transport between nine and 15 1158 passengers, including the driver, not for direct compensation [; (ii) a vehicle controlled and operated]1159 by a farmer, whether or not it is owned by the farmer, and that is used exclusively for farm use, as 1160 defined in § 46.2-698 within 150 miles of the farmer's farm; or (iii) a vehicle controlled and operated 1161 by a beekeeper engaged in the seasonal transportation of bees-].

1162 C. The provisions of this section shall not apply to drivers who are texting when necessary to 1163 communicate with law-enforcement officials or other emergency services.

1164 D. The following words and phrases when used in this section only shall have the meanings 1165 respectively ascribed to them in this section except in those instances where the context clearly indicates 1166 a different meaning:

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1167 "Driving" means operating a commercial motor vehicle on a highway, including while temporarily 1168 stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device, or other momentary delays. Driving does not 1169 include operating a commercial motor vehicle when the driver has moved the vehicle to the side of or 1170 off a highway and has halted in a location where the vehicle can safely remain stationary.

1171 "Texting" means manually entering alphanumeric text into, or reading text from, an electronic 1172 device. This action includes, but is not limited to, short message service, emailing, instant messaging, a 1173 command or request to access a website, pressing more than a single button to initiate or terminate a 1174 voice communication using a mobile telephone, or engaging in any other form of electronic text retrieval or entry for present or future communication. "Texting" does not include inputting, selecting, 1175 1176 or reading information on a global positioning system or navigation system; pressing a single button to 1177 initiate or terminate a voice communication using a telephone; or using a device capable of performing 1178 multiple functions for a purpose that is not otherwise prohibited in this section. 1179

## § 46.2-341.20:6. Prohibition for requiring texting; motor carrier penalty.

1180 No motor carrier shall allow or require its drivers to text while driving a commercial motor vehicle 1181 as defined in § 46.2-341.20:5. Motor carriers violating this section are subject to a civil penalty not to 1182 exceed \$11,000. Civil penalties collected under this section shall be deposited into the Transportation 1183 Trust Fund. 1184

## § 46.2-348. Fraud or false statements in applications for license; penalties.

1185 Any person who uses a false or fictitious name or gives a false or fictitious address in any application for a driver's license, or any renewal or duplicate thereof, or knowingly makes a false 1186 statement or conceals a material fact or otherwise commits a fraud in during the driver's license 1187 examination or in his application shall be guilty of a Class 2 misdemeanor. However, where the license 1188 is used, or the fact concealed, or fraud is done, with the intent to purchase a firearm or use as proof of 1189 1190 residency under § 9.1-903, a violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class 4 felony.

## § 46.2-1076. Lettering on certain vehicles.

1192 A. No person shall drive, cause to be driven, or permit the driving of a "for hire" motor vehicle on 1193 the highways in the Commonwealth unless the legal name or trade name and address of the owner of 1194 motor carrier as defined in Chapter 20 (§ 46.2-2000 et seq.) or Chapter 21 (§ 46.2-2100 et seq.) operating the vehicle is plainly displayed on both sides of the vehicle. The letters and numerals in the 1195 display shall be of such size, shape, and color as to be readily legible during daylight hours from a 1196 1197 distance of fifty feet while the vehicle is not in motion. The display shall be kept legible and may take 1198 the form of a removable device which meets the identification and legibility requirements of this section. 1199 B. This section shall not apply to any motor vehicle:

1. Having a registered gross weight of less than 10,000 pounds;

2. Which is used exclusively for wedding, ambulance, or funeral services; or

1201 1202 3. Which is rented without chauffeur and operated under a valid lease which gives the lessee 1203 exclusive control of the vehicle.

1204 C. Notwithstanding the exemptions contained in subsection B of this section, the requirements of 1205 subsection A of this section shall also apply to all motor vehicles leased to common or contract carriers 1206 of persons or property which are required to operate under certificates or permits issued by the State 1207 Corporation Commission or the Interstate Commerce Commission.

 $\hat{\mathbf{D}}$ . Subsection A of this section shall also apply to tow trucks used in providing service to the public 1208 1209 for hire. For the purposes of this section, "tow truck" means any motor vehicle which is constructed and 1210 used primarily for towing, lifting, or otherwise moving disabled vehicles.

1211 E. D. No person shall drive on the highways in the Commonwealth a pickup or panel truck, tractor 1212 truck, trailer, or semitrailer bearing any name other than that of the vehicle's owner or lessee. However, 1213 the provisions of this subsection shall not apply to advertising material for another, displayed pursuant to 1214 a valid contract.

## § 46.2-2001.1. License, permit, or certificate required.

1216 A. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate, offer, advertise, provide, procure, furnish, or 1217 arrange by contract, agreement, or arrangement to transport passengers for compensation as a broker, 1218 motor carrier or excursion train operator without first obtaining a license, permit, or certificate, unless 1219 otherwise exempted, as provided in this chapter.

1220 B. [ Any Beginning July 1, 2014, any ] person making application for a license, permit, or certificate 1221 pursuant to this chapter who has violated § 46.2-2001.1, either as a result of a conviction or as a result 1222 of an imposition of a civil penalty, shall be denied such license, permit, or certificate for a period of 12 1223 months from the date the final disposition of the conviction or imposition of the civil penalty has been 1224 rendered. 1225

The Department of Motor Vehicles shall require applicants for a license, permit, or certificate to 1226 report any conviction or imposition of civil penalties for violations of § 46.2-2001.1. 1227

§ 46.2-2001.3. Application; notice requirements.

A. Applications for a license, permit, certificate, or identification marker or renewal of a license,

1229 permit, certificate, or identification marker under this chapter shall be made to the Department and 1230 contain such information and exhibits as the Department shall require. Such information shall include, in 1231 the application or otherwise, the matters set forth in § 46.2-2011.24 as grounds for denying licenses, 1232 permits, and certificates, and other pertinent matters requisite for the safeguarding of the public interest.

1233 B. An applicant for any original certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under this 1234 chapter, or any request for a transfer of such certificate, unless otherwise provided, shall cause a notice 1235 of such application, on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Department, on every motor 1236 carrier holding the same type of certificate issued by the Department and operating or providing service 1237 within the area proposed to be served by the applicant.

1238 C. For any application for original certificate or license issued under this chapter, or any request for 1239 a transfer of such certificate or license, the Department shall publish a notice of such application on the 1240 Department's public website in the form and in the manner prescribed by the Department.

1241 D. An applicant for any original certificate of public convenience and necessity issued under this 1242 chapter, or any request for a transfer of such certificate of public convenience and necessity, shall cause 1243 a publication of a summary of the application to be made in a newspaper having a general circulation in 1244 the proposed area to be served or area where the primary business office is located within such time as 1245 the Department may prescribe. 1246

#### § 46.2-2005. Action on applications; hearings on denials and protests.

1247 A. The Department may act upon any application required under this chapter for a certificate of 1248 public convenience and necessity without a hearing, unless such application is protested by any 1249 aggrieved party, except that no protest shall be heard in such cases whereby the applicant has received a notice of intent to award a contract under the Virginia Public Procurement Act (§ 2.2-4300 et seq.) for 1250 1251 irregular route common carrier service to or from a public-use airport located in the City of Norfolk or 1252 the County of Henrico. Aggrieved parties may protest an application by submitting written grounds to 1253 the Department setting forth (i) a precise statement of the party's interest and how the party could be 1254 aggrieved if the application were granted; (ii) a full and clear statement of the facts that the person is 1255 prepared to provide by competent evidence; (iii) a statement of the specific relief sought; (iv) the case 1256 number assigned to the application; and (v) a certification that a copy of the protest was sent to the 1257 applicant.

1258 B. The Department may act upon any application required under this chapter for a license or 1259 certificate of fitness without a hearing, unless such application is protested by any party based upon 1260 fitness allegations. Parties may protest an application by submitting written grounds to the Department 1261 setting forth (i) a precise statement of the party's objections to the application being granted; (ii) a full 1262 and clear statement of the facts that the person is prepared to provide by competent evidence; (iii) the 1263 case number assigned to the application; and (iv) a certification that a copy of the protest was sent to 1264 the applicant. The Department shall have full discretion as to whether a hearing is warranted based on 1265 the merits of any protest filed.

1266 C. Any applicant denied without a hearing an original license, *permit*, or certificate under subsection 1267 A or B of this section or subsection B of § 46.2-2001.1, or any request for a transfer of such a license 1268 or certificate, shall be given a hearing at a time and place determined by the Commissioner or his 1269 designee upon the applicant's written request for such hearing made within 30 days of denial.

#### 1270 § 46.2-2011.9. Bond and letter of credit requirements.

1271 A. Every applicant for an original, second year renewal, and third year renewal of a certificate under 1272 this chapter shall obtain and file with the Department, *along with the application*, a surety bond or an 1273 irrevocable letter of credit, in addition to any other bond or letter of credit required by law, in the 1274 amount of \$25,000, which shall remain in effect for the first three years of licensure. The bond or letter 1275 of credit shall be in a form and content acceptable to the Department. The bond or letter of credit shall 1276 be conditioned on a statement by the applicant that the applicant will not practice fraud, make any 1277 fraudulent representation, or violate any provision of this chapter in the conduct of the applicant's 1278 business. The Department may, without holding a hearing, suspend the certificate during the period that 1279 the certificate holder does not have a sufficient bond or letter of credit on file.

1280 B. Every applicant for an original and subsequent renewal license pursuant to this chapter shall 1281 obtain and file with the Department, along with the application, a surety bond or an irrevocable letter of 1282 credit, in addition to any other bond or letter of credit required by law, in the amount of \$25,000. The 1283 bond or letter of credit shall be in a form and content acceptable to the Department. The bond or letter 1284 of credit shall be conditioned on a statement by the applicant that the applicant will not practice fraud, 1285 make any fraudulent representation, or violate any provision of this chapter in the conduct of the 1286 applicant's business. The Department may, without holding a hearing, suspend the license during the 1287 period that the licensee does not have a sufficient bond or letter of credit on file.

1288 C. If a person suffers any of the following: (i) loss or damage in connection with the transportation 1289 service by reason of fraud practiced on him or fraudulent representation made to him by a licensee or

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1290 certificate holder or his agent or employee acting within the scope of employment; (ii) loss or damage 1291 by reason of a violation by a licensee or certificate holder or his agent or employee of any provision of 1292 this chapter in connection with the transportation service; or (iii) loss or damage resulting from a breach 1293 of a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this act, that person shall have a claim against 1294 the licensee or certificate holder's bond or letter of credit, and may recover from such bond or letter of 1295 credit the amount awarded to such person by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction against 1296 the licensee or certificate holder as a result of such loss or damage up to, but not exceeding, the amount 1297 of the bond or letter of credit.

1298 D. The licensee or certificate holder's surety shall notify the Department when a claim is made 1299 against a licensee or certificate holder's bond, when a claim is paid and when the bond is canceled. Such 1300 notification shall include the amount of a claim and the circumstances surrounding the claim. 1301 Notification of cancellation shall include the effective date and reason for cancellation.

1302 E. The surety on any bond filed by a licensee or certificate holder shall be released and discharged 1303 from all liability accruing on such bond after the expiration of sixty days from the date on which the 1304 surety files with the Department a written request to be released and discharged. Such request shall not 1305 operate to relieve, release or discharge the surety from any liability already accrued or which shall 1306 accrue before the expiration of the sixty-day period.

## § 46.2-2011.11. Established place of business.

1308 A. No license or certificate shall be issued to any applicant that does not have an established place 1309 of business, owned or leased by the applicant, where a substantial portion of the activity of the motor carrier or broker business will be routinely conducted and that: 1310 1311

1. Satisfies all applicable local zoning regulations;

1312 2. Houses all records that the motor carrier or broker is required to maintain by this chapter or by 1313 regulations promulgated pursuant to this chapter; and

1314 3. Is equipped with a working telephone listed or advertised in the name of the motor carrier or 1315 broker.

1316 B. Every licensee and certificate holder shall maintain an established place of business in accordance 1317 with subsection A of this section and keep on file a physical address with the Department. Every 1318 licensee and certificate holder shall inform the Department by certified letter or other manner prescribed 1319 by the Department of any changes to the motor carrier or broker's mailing address, physical location, 1320 telephone number, and legal status, legal name of company, or trade name of company within 30 days 1321 of such change.

1322 C. Any licensee or certificate holder that relocates his established place of business shall confirm to 1323 the Department that the new established place of business conforms to the requirements of subsection A. 1324

# § 46.2-2011.23. Violations; civil penalties.

The Department may impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 if any person has:

1326 1. Made any misrepresentation of a material fact to obtain proper operating credentials as required by 1327 this chapter or other requirements in this Code regulating the operation of motor vehicles; 1328

- 2. Failed to make any report required in this chapter;
- 3. Failed to pay any fee or tax properly assessed against him; or

4. Failed to comply with any provision of this chapter or lawful order, rule or regulation of the 1330 1331 Department or any term or condition of any certificate, permit, or license.

1332 Any such penalty shall be imposed by order; however, no order issued pursuant to this section shall 1333 become effective until the Department has offered the person an opportunity for an administrative 1334 hearing to show cause why the order should not be enforced. Instead of or in addition to imposing such 1335 penalty, the Department may suspend, revoke, or cancel any license, permit, certificate, registration card 1336 or identification marker issued pursuant to this title. If, in any such case, it appears that the defendant 1337 owes any fee or tax to the Commonwealth, the Department shall enter order therefor.

For the purposes of this section, each separate violation shall be subject to the civil penalty.

## § 46.2-2011.24. Grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses, permits, or certificates.

1340 A license, permit, or certificate issued pursuant to this chapter may be denied, suspended, or revoked 1341 on any one or more of the following grounds, where applicable:

1342 1. Material misstatement or omission in application for license, certificate, permit, identification 1343 marker, or vehicle registration:

1344 2. Failure to comply subsequent to receipt of a written warning from the Department or any willful 1345 failure to comply with a lawful order, any provision of this chapter or any regulation promulgated by 1346 the Department under this chapter, or any term, condition, or restriction of a license, permit, or 1347 certificate; 1348

3. Failure to comply with zoning or other land use regulations, ordinances, or statutes;

1349 4. Use of deceptive business acts or practices;

1350 5. Knowingly advertising by any means any assertion, representation, or statement of fact that is 1351 untrue, misleading, or deceptive relating to the conduct of the business for which a license, certificate,

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1352 permit, identification marker, or vehicle registration is held or sought;

1353 6. Having been found, through a judicial or administrative hearing, to have committed fraudulent or 1354 deceptive acts in connection with the business for which a license, permit, or certificate is held or 1355 sought or any consumer-related fraud;

1356 7. Having been convicted of any criminal act involving the business for which a license, permit, or 1357 certificate is held or sought;

1358 8. Failure to comply with § 46.2-2056 or any regulation promulgated pursuant thereto;

1359 9. Improper leasing, renting, lending, or otherwise allowing the improper use of a license, certificate, 1360 permit, identification marker, or vehicle registration;

1361 10. Having been convicted of a felony;

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1362 11. Having been convicted of any misdemeanor involving lying, cheating, stealing, or moral 1363 turpitude;

1364 12. Failure to submit to the Department any tax, fees, dues, fines, or penalties owed to the 1365 Department;

1366 13. Failure to furnish the Department information, documentation, or records required or requested 1367 pursuant to statute or regulation;

1368 14. Knowingly and willfully filing any false report, account, record, or memorandum;

1369 15. Failure to meet or maintain application certifications or requirements of public convenience and 1370 necessity, character, fitness, and financial responsibility pursuant to this chapter;

1371 16. Willfully altering or changing the appearance or wording of any license, permit, certificate, 1372 identification marker, license plate, or vehicle registration;

1373 17. Failure to provide services in accordance with license, permit, or certificate terms, limitations, 1374 conditions, or requirements;

1375 18. Failure to maintain and keep on file with the Department motor carrier liability insurance, issued 1376 by a company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth, or a bond, certificate of insurance, 1377 certificate of self-insurance, or unconditional letter of credit in accordance with this chapter, with respect 1378 to each motor vehicle operated in the Commonwealth;

1379 19. Failure to comply with the Workers' Compensation Act of Title 65.2;

1380 20. Failure to properly register a motor vehicle under this title;

1381 21. Failure to comply with any federal motor carrier statute, rule, or regulation;

1382 22. Failure to comply with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; or

1383 23. Inactivity of a motor carrier as may be evidenced by the absence of a motor vehicle registered to 1384 operate under such certificate or permit for a period of greater than three months.

#### § 46.2-2099.19. Broker's license not substitute for other certificates or permits required.

1386 No person who holds a broker's license under this article shall engage in transportation subject to this 1387 chapter unless he holds a certificate or permit as provided in this chapter. In the execution of any 1388 contract, agreement, or arrangement to sell, provide, procure, furnish, or arrange for such transportation, 1389 it shall be unlawful for such person to employ any carrier by motor vehicle who is not the lawful holder 1390 of an effective certificate or permit issued as provided in this chapter or when such certificate or permit 1391 does not authorize the carrier to perform the service being acquired.

1392 A person holding a broker's license shall obtain and maintain a copy of the certificate of public 1393 convenience and necessity issued to those carriers through which the broker arranges transportation 1394 services. 1395

#### § 46.2-2108.4. Application; notice requirements.

A. Applications for a license, permit, or certificate of fitness or renewal of a license, permit, or 1396 1397 certificate of fitness under this chapter shall be made to the Department and contain such information as 1398 the Department shall require. Such information shall include, in the application or otherwise, the matters 1399 set forth in §§ 46.2-2133 and 46.2-2134 as grounds for denying licenses, permits, and certificates.

1400 B. The applicant for a certificate of fitness issued under this chapter shall cause a notice of such 1401 application, on the form and in the manner prescribed by the Department, to be served on every affected 1402 person who has requested notification. 1403

#### § 46.2-2122. Bond and letter of credit requirements of applicants for license and certificate.

1404 A. Every applicant for an original, second-year renewal, third-year renewal, fourth-year renewal, and 1405 fifth-year renewal of a certificate of fitness under this chapter shall obtain and file with the Department, 1406 along with the application, a surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit, in addition to any other bond or letter of credit required by law, in the amount of \$50,000, which shall remain in effect for the first 1407 1408 five years of licensure. The bond or letter of credit shall be in a form and content acceptable to the 1409 Department. The bond or letter of credit shall be conditioned on a statement by the applicant that the 1410 applicant will not practice fraud, make any fraudulent representation, or violate any provision of this chapter in the conduct of the applicant's business. The Department may, without holding a hearing, 1411 1412 suspend the certificate of fitness during the period that the certificate holder does not have a sufficient

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1413 bond or letter of credit on file.

1414 B. Every applicant for an original and subsequent renewal license pursuant to Article 5 of this 1415 chapter (§ 46.2-2174 et seq.) shall obtain and file with the Department, along with the application, a 1416 surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit, in addition to any other bond or letter of credit required by law, in the amount of \$25,000. The bond or letter of credit shall be in a form and content acceptable to 1417 1418 the Department. The bond or letter of credit shall be conditioned on a statement by the applicant that the 1419 applicant will not practice fraud, make any fraudulent representation, or violate any provision of this chapter in the conduct of the applicant's business. The Department may, without holding a hearing, 1420 1421 suspend the license during the period that the licensee does not have a sufficient bond or letter of credit 1422 on file.

1423 C. If a person suffers any of the following: (i) loss or damage in connection with the transportation 1424 service by reason of fraud practiced on him or fraudulent representation made to him by a licensee or 1425 certificate holder or his agent or employee acting within the scope of employment; (ii) loss or damage 1426 by reason of a violation by a licensee or certificate holder or his agent or employee of any provision of 1427 this chapter in connection with the transportation service; or (iii) loss or damage resulting from a breach 1428 of a contract entered into on or after the effective date of this act, that person shall have a claim against 1429 the licensee or certificate holder's bond or letter of credit, and may recover from such bond or letter of 1430 credit the amount awarded to such person by final judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction against 1431 the licensee or certificate holder as a result of such loss or damage up to, but not exceeding, the amount 1432 of the bond or letter of credit.

1433 D. The licensee or certificate holder's surety shall notify the Department when a claim is made 1434 against a licensee or certificate holder's bond, when a claim is paid and/or when the bond is canceled. Such notification shall include the amount of a claim and the circumstances surrounding the claim. 1435 Notification of cancellation shall include the effective date and reason for cancellation. 1436

1437 E. The surety on any bond filed by a licensee or certificate holder shall be released and discharged 1438 from all liability accruing on such bond after the expiration of sixty days from the date on which the 1439 surety files with the Department a written request to be released and discharged. Such request shall not 1440 operate to relieve, release, or discharge the surety from any liability already accrued or that shall accrue 1441 before the expiration of the sixty-day period.

## § 46.2-2132. Violations: civil penalties.

The Department may impose a civil penalty not exceeding \$1,000 if any person has:

1444 1. Made any misrepresentation of a material fact to obtain proper operating credentials as required by 1445 this chapter or other requirements in this title regulating the operation of motor vehicles; 1446

2. Failed to make any report required in this chapter;

3. Failed to pay any fee or tax properly assessed against him; or

4. Failed to comply with any provision of this chapter or lawful order, rule or regulation of the 1448 1449 Department or any term or condition of any certificate, permit, or license.

1450 Any such penalty shall be imposed by order; however, no order issued pursuant to this section shall 1451 become effective until the Department has offered the person an opportunity for an administrative 1452 hearing to show cause why the order should not be enforced. Instead of or in addition to imposing such 1453 penalty, the Department may suspend, revoke, or cancel any license, permit, certificate of fitness, 1454 registration card or identification marker issued pursuant to this title. If, in any such case, it appears that 1455 the defendant owes any fee or tax to the Commonwealth, the Department shall enter order therefor. 1456

For the purposes of this section, each separate violation shall be subject to the civil penalty.

## § 46.2-2133. Grounds for denying, suspending, or revoking licenses or certificates.

1458 A license or certificate of fitness issued under this chapter may be denied, suspended, or revoked on 1459 any one or more of the following grounds, where applicable:

1460 1. Material misstatement or omission in application for license or certificate of public convenience 1461 and necessity, identification marker, or vehicle registration;

1462 2. Failure to comply subsequent to receipt of a written warning from the Department or any willful 1463 failure to comply with a lawful order, any provision of this chapter or any regulation promulgated by the Department under this chapter, or any term or condition of any license or certificate of fitness; 1464 1465

3. Use of deceptive business acts or practices;

1466 4. Knowingly advertising by any means any assertion, representation, or statement of fact that is 1467 untrue, misleading, or deceptive relating to the conduct of the business for which a license, certificate of 1468 fitness, identification marker, or vehicle registration is held or sought;

1469 5. Having been found, through a judicial or administrative hearing, to have committed fraudulent or 1470 deceptive acts in connection with the business for which a license or certificate of fitness is held or 1471 sought or any consumer-related fraud;

6. Having been convicted of any criminal act involving the business for which a license or certificate 1472 1473 of fitness is held or sought;

1474 7. Improper leasing, renting, lending, or otherwise allowing the improper use of a license, certificate 1475 of fitness, identification marker, or vehicle registration;

- 1476 8. Having been convicted of a felony;
- 1477 9. Having been convicted of any misdemeanor involving lying, cheating, stealing, or moral turpitude;

1478 10. Failure to submit to the Department any tax, fees, dues, fines, or penalties owed to the 1479 Department;

1480 11. Failure to furnish the Department information, documentation, or records required or requested1481 pursuant to statute or regulation;

- **1482** 12. Knowingly and willfully filing any false report, account, record, or memorandum;
- 1483 13. Failure to meet *or maintain* application certifications or requirements of character, fitness, and financial responsibility pursuant to this chapter;

1485 14. Willfully altering or changing the appearance or wording of any license, certificate, identification1486 marker, license plate, or vehicle registration;

- 1487 15. Failure to provide services in accordance with license or certificate of fitness terms, limitations, 1488 conditions, or requirements;
- 1489 16. Failure to maintain and keep on file with the Department motor carrier liability insurance or cargo insurance, issued by a company licensed to do business in the Commonwealth, or a bond, certificate of insurance, certificate of self-insurance, or unconditional letter of credit in accordance with this chapter, with respect to each motor vehicle operated in the Commonwealth;
- 1493 17. Failure to comply with the Workers' Compensation Act of Title 65.2;
- 1494 18. Failure to properly register a motor vehicle under this title;
- 1495 19. Failure to comply with any federal motor carrier statute, rule, or regulation; or
- 1496 20. Inactivity of a motor carrier as may be evidenced by the absence of a motor vehicle registered to operate under such certificate or permit for a period of greater than three months.

## 1498 § 46.2-2176. Broker's license not substitute for other certificates or permits.

1499 No person who holds a broker's license under this article shall engage in transportation subject to this chapter unless he holds a certificate or permit as provided in this chapter. In the execution of any contract, agreement, or arrangement to sell, provide, procure, furnish, or arrange for such transportation, it shall be unlawful for such person to employ any carrier by motor vehicle who is not the lawful holder of an effective certificate or permit issued as provided in this chapter or when such certificate or permit does not authorize the carrier to perform the service being acquired.