

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0032

English proficiency-commercial motor vehicle drivers.

Sponsored by: Joint Transportation, Highways & Military
Affairs Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; requiring operators of
2 commercial motor vehicles to demonstrate proficiency in the
3 English language; prohibiting operators of commercial motor
4 vehicles who cannot demonstrate English language
5 proficiency from operating commercial motor vehicles as
6 specified; providing criminal penalties; providing
7 definitions; making conforming amendments; and providing
8 for an effective date.

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10 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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12 **Section 1.** W.S. 31-18-608 is created to read:

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14 **31-18-608. English language proficiency for operators**
15 **of commercial vehicles; penalties.**

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2 (a) As used in this section, "proficiency in the
3 English language" means an operator of a commercial vehicle
4 can demonstrate proficiency of the English language in
5 accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 391.11(b)(2).

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7 (b) No operator of a commercial vehicle shall operate
8 a commercial vehicle within this state if the operator is
9 unable to demonstrate proficiency in the English language.
10 Any operator of a commercial vehicle who violates this
11 subsection shall be fined one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00)
12 and shall be prohibited from operating a commercial vehicle
13 within this state until the operator is able to demonstrate
14 proficiency in the English language.

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16 (c) Any operator of a commercial vehicle who operates
17 a commercial vehicle within this state while under the
18 prohibition imposed by subsection (b) of this section
19 shall, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor and
20 shall be punished by an additional fine of one thousand
21 dollars (\$1,000.00), by imprisonment for not more than
22 ninety (90) days, or both.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 31-18-701 by creating a new
2 subsection (d) is amended to read:

4 31-18-701. Specific crimes and penalties;
5 enforcement.

7 (d) The highway patrol division, any other
8 enforcement officers designated by the department and any
9 peace officer of any county or municipality shall:

11 (i) Be charged with the duty of policing and
12 enforcing the provisions of W.S. 31-18-608; and

L4 (ii) Have the authority to issue citations for
L5 violations for any provisions of W.S. 31-18-608.

17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2026.

L9 (END)