

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB1425

Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION TRAINING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS A COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Rep. Gray and Sen. Sturch

HB1425 amends § 27-23-108(e) concerning human trafficking prevention training. Currently all applicants for a Class A commercial driver's license (CDL) are required to complete a human trafficking course and provide evidence of completion to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) at the time of issuance or renewal of a Class A CDL. Under HB1425, an individual that is renewing his or her Arkansas Class A CDL would not be required to complete a human trafficking course provided that the driver has already completed the human trafficking training required by § 27-23-108(e)(1).

Revenue Impact :

None.

Taxpayer Impact :

Class A CDL applicants who are making application for the first-time issuance of a Class A CDL would be required to complete a human trafficking course and provide evidence of completion to the DFA at the time of issuance. Individuals renewing their Arkansas Class A CDL would not be required to complete a human trafficking course provided that the driver has already completed the required training.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

Implementation date of October 1, 2019 is requested.

Procedural Changes :

This change would require training for State Revenue Office and Driver Services personnel. Procedures manuals would require updates and distribution to all personnel.

Other Comments :

As of January 31, 2019, Arkansas currently has 89,040 Class A CDL holders, and 36,958 CDL applicants have completed the human trafficking prevention training. All CDLs are renewed every 4 years.

Legal Analysis :

Currently, § 27-23-108(e) requires any person seeking to be issued a new or renewal Class A CDL to first complete a human trafficking prevention course or become a Certified Trucker Against Trafficking by completing the online certification course. HB1425 allows currently licensed Class A commercial

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drivers who have already completed the human trafficking prevention training at least once to renew their commercial license without retaking another training course.