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A Bill

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By: Representatives D. Wood, O. Miller and Todd

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ARKANSAS CLASSIFIED DRIVER LICENSE SYSTEM; TO PROVIDE FOR TESTING AND LICENSING OF COMMERCIAL DRIVERS; TO DISQUALIFY COMMERCIAL DRIVERS WHO COMMIT CERTAIN SERIOUS TRAFFIC OFFENSES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Short Title. This act may be cited as the Arkansas Uniform Commercial Driver License Act.

SECTION 2. Statement of Intent and Purpose.

(a) The purpose of this act is to implement the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (CMVSA) (Title XII of Pub. Law 99-570) and reduce or prevent commercial motor vehicle accidents, fatalities and injuries by:

- (1) Permitting commercial drivers to hold only one license;
- (2) Disqualifying commercial drivers who have committed certain serious traffic violations, or other specified offenses;
- (3) Strengthening licensing and testing standards for commercial drivers.

(b) This act is a remedial law and shall be liberally construed to promote the public health, safety and welfare. To the extent that this act conflicts with general driver licensing provisions, this act prevails. Where this act is silent, the general driver licensing provisions apply.

SECTION 3. Definitions. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) "Alcohol" means ethyl alcohol, or ethanol.
- (2) "Blood alcohol concentration" means:
  - (a) The number of grams of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood; or

Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.