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MEMORANDUM

TO: Certified CDL Third Party Testers and CDL School Owners
FR: Kecia Bivins, Division Director of Regulatory Compliance
DA: February 12, 2016
RE: Consideration of an Administrative Rule Amendment

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of an important administrative rule change that the Department is considering. In an effort to foster consistency and uniformity between state and federal regulations, the following rule is being contemplated:

➤ **CDL Rule 1-1-08** **Failures/Written/Skills Test**

The purpose of this proposed amendment is to shorten the retest period for failures on CDL tests. The current rule stipulates that any applicant who fails the examination may re-attempt the examination one (1) day after the first failure and seven (7) days after the second or subsequent failures. **This amendment will change the retest period to two (2) days. Two (2) days is consistent with the minimum time frame required by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration.**

This amendment will allow the agency to enhance customer service, maximize the CDL testing capacity, and support economic development. Additionally, it will help to meet the demand for qualified CDL drivers while maintaining highway safety. The amendment will have a positive impact on DDS CDL sites and as well as the CDL Third Party Testing sites.

We value your feedback and encourage input from the CDL industry. Please feel free to provide your comments and feedback **no later than Friday, February 26, 2016**. We can be reached by phone at 678-413-8426 or via e-mail at reginfo@dds.ga.gov.

The Department's staff looks forward to assisting and answering any questions you may have. Thanks for helping to enhance the integrity of our regulated driver safety programs.