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MEMORANDUM

TO: Certified CDL Third Party Testers and CDL School Owners
FR: Kecia Bivins, Division Director of Regulatory Compliance
DA: September 9, 2016
RE: Consideration of Administrative Rule Amendments

The purpose of this memo is to inform you of some important administrative rule changes that the Department is considering. In an effort to foster consistency and uniformity between state and federal regulations, the following Commercial Driver's Licensing Requirements Rules are being contemplated:

- **1-1-.01 Application**
- **1-1-.02 Commercial Driver's License Exemptions**
- **1-1-.03 Affidavit for Changes on Commercial Driver's License**
- **1-1-.04 Minimum Physical Requirements Required to Obtain a CDL**
- **1-1-.05 Exemptions from Medical Requirements**
- **1-1-.06 Driver Qualifications**
- **1-1-.07 Suspensions**
- **1-1-.08 Failures Written/ Skills Test**
- **1-1-.09 Knowledge Test and Endorsement Tests**
- **1-1-.10 Vehicle Requirements**
- **1-1-.11 Skills Test Disqualifications**
- **1-1-.12 Skills Test for CDL**
- **1-1-.13 Third Party Tester Program**
- **1-1-.14 Commercial Driver Out-of – Service Notification**
- **1-1-.15 Disqualification from Driver a Commercial Motor Vehicle**
- **1-1-.16 School Bus Endorsement; Waiver**

These proposed amendments will reflect our current processes, standardize terminology, and allow the agency to maintain compliance with federal regulations and state legislation passed during the 2015 Georgia Legislative Session.

The proposed rule amendments below are a departure from our current process:

- **1-1-.10(7) Vehicle Requirements**
This amendment reduces the Road Skills Testing attempts per fee at state CDL sites from two (2) to one (1). This entitles the applicant one attempt per \$50 Testing Fee and is consistent with O.C.G.A. 40-5-25.
- **1-1-.10(7) Vehicle Requirements**
This amendment allows CDL Third Party Testers to charge a Testing Fee not to exceed \$100 if the applicant supplies his/her own commercial motor vehicle and a fee not to exceed \$150 if the CDL Third Party Tester supplies the vehicle for testing purposes.

➤ **1-1-.13(3)(2)(a) Minimum Requirements for Testers**

This amendment eliminates the requirement for Testers to have their fleet of a minimum of twenty-five (25) commercial motor vehicles registered in Georgia. This will remove barriers for companies headquartered in other jurisdictions.

➤ **1-1-.13(3)(2)(b) Minimum Requirements for Testers**

This amendment eliminates the Employer Testing component so that all CDL Third Party Testers may test the general public and assist in minimizing CDL Road Skills Test delays at DDS CDL sites.

The draft of the CDL Licensing Rules Amendments may be downloaded from the DDS website by navigating to “Regulated Programs” from the top menu bar, and then by clicking “Draft of CDL Licensing Rules Amendments” under the “Regulatory Compliance News” section: <http://www.dds.ga.gov/regulatedprograms/index.aspx>

We value your feedback and encourage input from the CDL industry. Please feel free to provide your comments and feedback **no later than Friday, September 23, 2016**. We can be reached by phone at 678-413-8426 or via email at bmiller@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.