

119TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

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To amend title 49, United States Code, with respect to the requirement to test drivers of commercial motor vehicles for English proficiency, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. LUMMIS (for herself and Mr. BARRASSO) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as “Connor’s Law”.

5 **SEC. 2. REQUIRING MINIMUM LANGUAGE SKILLS FOR COM-**
6 **MERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE OPERATORS.**

7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 31308(1) of title 49,
8 United States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “and” at
2 the end;

3 (2) in subparagraph (B), by adding “and” after
4 the semicolon at the end; and

5 (3) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(C) can read and speak the English lan-
7 guage sufficiently—

8 “(i) to converse with the general pub-
9 lic;

10 “(ii) to understand highway traffic
11 signs and signals in the English language;

12 “(iii) to respond to official inquiries;
13 and

14 “(iv) to make entries on reports and
15 records;”.

16 (b) OUT-OF-SERVICE ORDER FOR NONCOMPLIANCE
17 WITH MINIMUM LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT.—

18 (1) DECLARATION OF OUT OF SERVICE.—An
19 individual operating a commercial motor vehicle who
20 is determined by an authorized enforcement officer
21 to be noncompliant with section 391.11(b)(2) of title
22 49, Code of Federal Regulations (or a successor reg-
23 ulation), shall be declared out of service.

1 (2) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in
2 paragraph (1) changes, limits, or otherwise impacts
3 an out-of-service order that—

4 (A) is not covered under that paragraph;
5 and

6 (B) is carried out pursuant to applicable
7 Federal law (including regulations) or the
8 North American Standard Out-of-Service Cri-
9 teria.