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**Cosponsors: Senators Hoagland, Terhar, Yuko, Sykes**

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**A BILL**

To require the Director of Public Safety to seek approval from the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to implement a temporary pilot program regarding the waiver of the skills test for a commercial driver's license that applies to present and former military personnel.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** (A) The Director of Public Safety shall submit a proposal to the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration requesting permission to do both of the following:

(1) Temporarily suspend the requirement for the waiver of the skills test for an applicant for a commercial driver's license that is specified in division (D)(1)(c)(iii) of section 4506.09 of the Revised Code;

(2) Temporarily replace the requirement of division (D)(1)(c)(iii) of section 4506.09 of the Revised Code with a requirement that allows the applicant to certify and provide

evidence that for at least two years during the applicant's 19  
military service or employment, the applicant operated a vehicle 20  
representative of the commercial motor vehicle type that the 21  
applicant operates or expects to operate. 22

(B) (1) If the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety 23  
Administration approves the proposal submitted under division 24  
(A) of this section, the Director shall implement the waiver of 25  
the skills test in a manner that incorporates the requirement 26  
specified in division (A) (2) of this section as a temporary 27  
pilot program. The duration of the pilot program is four years 28  
beginning not later than thirty days after the Director receives 29  
approval from the United States Federal Motor Carrier Safety 30  
Administration. 31

(2) During the four-year term of the pilot program, the 32  
operation of division (D) (1) (c) (iii) of section 4506.09 of the 33  
Revised Code is suspended. Upon termination of the pilot 34  
program, the operation of division (D) (1) (c) (iii) of that 35  
section is reinstated. 36

(C) Throughout the duration of the temporary pilot program 37  
established under division (B) of this section, the Director 38  
shall collect data regarding its implementation. Not later than 39  
thirty days after the program ends, the Director shall submit a 40  
report summarizing that data to the Speaker of the House of 41  
Representatives and the President of the Senate. 42