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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) 16
(c) (iii) of section 4506.09 of the Revised Code with a 17
requirement that allows the applicant to certify and provide 18
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