

Subject Commercial driver instruction hours

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Summary

This bill directs the Department of Public Safety to amend an administrative rule to eliminate a mandated minimum 180-hour length of instruction on commercial motor vehicle operation, which is required for a postsecondary institution that is approved as a third-party tester. It authorizes use of the good-cause exemption from the full rulemaking process (which retains some rulemaking requirements on notice and approval). Effective the day after enactment.

Background. Administrative rules adopted by the Department of Public Safety allow some entities (including motor carriers, school bus companies, colleges and universities, and public transit authorities) to be approved as third-party testing programs for limited circumstances. Minn. Rules, parts 7410.6000 to 7410.6540. Third-party testing programs are authorized to administer the road test for a commercial driver's license, a motorcycle endorsement, or some related endorsements, which generally includes administering the test only to employees or students of that entity.