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Overview

This bill authorizes the Department of Public Safety to issue non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses and learner's permits to applicants whose permanent home is in an eligible country outside the United States. The licenses and learner's permits are treated the same as other commercial driver's licenses, except that (1) a Social Security number is not required in the application, and (2) markings on the license must include the term "non-domiciled," following federal rules. The authorization includes a temporary card marking authority, followed by permanent statutory changes that go into effect after a new card design contract is in place.

While commercial driver's licensing is administered by states, federal law establishes various standards for issuance. Federal law includes an optional provision for issuing non-domiciled commercial licenses following some requirements.

Section

- 1 Non-domiciled commercial driver's license.** Paragraph (a) authorizes the Department of Public Safety to issue non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses and non-domiciled commercial learner's permits following requirements for this type of license provided under federal regulations. To receive a non-domiciled license or learner's permit, a person must be domiciled in a foreign country and otherwise meet the state law requirements of licensure.

Section

Paragraph (b) establishes that in the chapter on driver licensing (1) non-domiciled commercial driver's licenses are a type of commercial driver's license, and (2) non-domiciled commercial learner's permits are a type of commercial learner's permit.

- 2 **Contents of application; other information.** Establishes that a Social Security number is not required in applying for a non-domiciled commercial driver's license or learner's permit.
- 3 **Commercial driver's license.** Specifies that markings on a non-domiciled commercial driver's license or learner's permit must match the marking requirements under federal regulations (which includes use of the term "non-domiciled").
- 4 **Non-domiciled commercial learner's permit and commercial driver's license.** Authorizes the Department of Public Safety to issue a commercial driver's license or learner's permit marked as "non-domiciled." Makes this authorization expire in conjunction with commencing issuance of such licenses and permits under section 1 of the bill.