

1 HB479
2 199360-5
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10 Boyd, England, Warren, Wadsworth, Chestnut, Bracy, Sanderford,
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12 RFD: Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure
13 First Read: 18-APR-19

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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 Relating to transportation; to permit the issuance
4 of Class A commercial driver licenses, limited to intrastate
5 travel, to applicants at least 18 years of age and under 21
6 years of age; and in connection therewith would have as its
7 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
8 expenditure of local funds within the meaning of Amendment 621
9 of the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, now appearing as
10 Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of the
11 Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended.

12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

13 Section 1. The Legislature finds that current
14 economic conditions are such that the number of individuals
15 willing and qualified to operate commercial vehicles is
16 insufficient in relation to the volume of freight available,
17 and that it will be advantageous, consistent with Commercial
18 Driver License safety rules, for this state to issue Class A
19 commercial driver licenses to persons who have reached the age
20 of 18 years and have not yet reached the age of 21 years and
21 who otherwise meet the requirements imposed by state and
22 federal law to obtain a commercial driver license for use only
23 in intrastate commerce.

24 Section 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to
25 the contrary, the Alabama State Law Enforcement Agency shall

1 issue Class A commercial driver licenses to persons who have
2 reached their 18th birthday but have not yet reached their
3 21st birthday and are otherwise qualified for a commercial
4 driver license, with such operation being restricted to
5 intrastate commerce and the ability to obtain a Class A CDL
6 Tank Vehicle endorsement. Such individuals are not eligible
7 for Haz-Mat or passenger endorsements. Any person possessing a
8 Class A commercial driver license shall comply with all state
9 and federal laws and safety regulations.

10 Any individual who is at least 18 years of age but
11 has not reached 21 years of age is prohibited from operating
12 over-size or specially configured loads that require
13 permitting by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

14 Section 3. All applicants shall be familiar with and
15 governed by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations at 49
16 CFR 380, Subparts E, F, and G, and Parts 382 through 397,
17 inclusive.

18 Section 4. Nothing in this act allows the issuance
19 of any commercial driver license in violation of federal law.
20 This act applies only where federal law allows the states a
21 field of operation or authorizes a variance from applicable
22 federal standards.

23 Section 5. If federal law is amended to permit
24 persons who have not yet reached the age of 21 years to
25 operate a commercial vehicle in interstate commerce with a

1 Class A commercial driver license, then this state shall
2 promulgate such rules, regulations, restrictions, and
3 eligibility requirements as are necessary to permit interstate
4 travel.

5 Section 6. The provisions of this act are severable.
6 If any part of this act is declared invalid or
7 unconstitutional, that declaration shall not affect the part
8 which remains.

9 Section 7. Although this bill would have as its
10 purpose or effect the requirement of a new or increased
11 expenditure of local funds, the bill is excluded from further
12 requirements and application under Amendment 621, now
13 appearing as Section 111.05 of the Official Recompilation of
14 the Constitution of Alabama of 1901, as amended, because the
15 Legislative Fiscal Office has determined the bill has an
16 aggregate fiscal impact of less than \$50,000 annually.

17 Section 8. This act shall become effective on
18 February 7, 2020, following its passage and approval by the
19 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 30-APR-19, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

15-MAY-19

Passed