

ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2134

commercial driver licenses; third parties.

Purpose

An emergency measure that allows authorized third-party driver license providers (third-party providers) to perform functions related to the issuance and renewal of commercial driver licenses.

Background

The Director of the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) is allowed to authorize third-party providers to perform functions carried out by the Motor Vehicle Division, including: 1) title and registration; 2) motor carrier licensing and tax reporting; 3) dealer licensing; and 4) driver licensing if other requirements are met (A.R.S. § 28-5101). For a third-party provider to be authorized to issue and renew driver licenses, the third-party provider must provide documentation that it has: 1) been in operation for at least three years; 2) conducted at least 1,000 retention transactions per month in the previous calendar year; 3) good standing with ADOT; and 4) a proper facility plan. A third-party provider applicant must also submit a bond for initial and additional applications, and documentation that the applicant has at least one certified processor to handle outlined functions (A.R.S. § 28-5101.01).

The Arizona Administrative Code sets forth additional requirements for third-party providers if the third-party provider wishes to engage in activities related to commercial driver license examinations. Requirements include: 1) photographs of the principal place of business and test site to ensure compliance with ADOT specifications; 2) possession of a valid Arizona driver license of the same class for which an examination will be administered; 3) at least three years of experience pertaining to the operation of the appropriate class of commercial vehicles; and 4) compliance with state and federal vehicle safety requirements (A.A.C. R17-7-603 – R17-7-605).

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

Provisions

- 1. Allows third-party providers to perform administrative and testing functions for the issuance and renewal of commercial driver licenses as authorized by the Director of ADOT and pursuant to federal law.
- 2. Makes technical changes.
- 3. Becomes effective on signature of the Governor, if the emergency clause is enacted.

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House Action

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