
HOUSE BILL 2453

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By Representatives Wylie, Ryu, Morrell, Tharinger, Sells, Clibborn, Pike, Stanford, Magendanz, Holy, and Freeman

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1 AN ACT Relating to providing a more direct path to a commercial
2 driver's license for military veterans and veterans of the national
3 guard who have truck driving experience; and creating a new section.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature recognizes that veterans are
6 an important part of our community and that current policies and
7 programs fail to consider their relevant experience in driving
8 commercial vehicles while serving our country. Further, the
9 legislature recognizes that commercial vehicles are an integral part of
10 our state's economy and that many employers are facing a shortage of
11 qualified employees. Therefore, it is the intent of the legislature to
12 establish an accelerated pathway for military veterans, and veterans of
13 the national guard, who have relevant truck driving experience to
14 receive a commercial driver's license.

15 As it stands, military veterans are eligible to take an eight-week
16 course while working toward receiving a commercial driver's license.
17 It is the intent of the legislature to create an alternative pilot
18 program for veterans that will allow them to take a shorter course

1 instead, and to accomplish this goal, will establish a partnership
2 between an institute of higher learning, the Washington state
3 department of veteran affairs, and local trucking companies.

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