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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSES.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 SECTION 1. Section 286-102.3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 **"[+]§286-102.3[+] Commercial drivers under the age of**  
4 **twenty-one.** A person ~~[is qualified to]~~ may drive commercially  
5 in the State in intrastate commerce if the person:

6 (1) Is at least ~~[nineteen]~~ eighteen years of age;

7 (2) Is in compliance with title 49 Code of Federal  
8 Regulations~~[,]~~ part 390-396, subpart B, except section  
9 391.11(b)(1) in the case of an intrastate driver  
10 involved in intrastate commerce in the State;

11 ~~[(-3)] Only operates a category 3 vehicle as defined in~~  
12 ~~section 286-102(b)(3);~~

13 ~~(-4)] (3) [Shall] Does not transport hazardous materials~~  
14 ~~[as defined in section 286-2], nor passengers in a~~  
15 ~~school vehicle as defined in section 286-181; and~~

16 ~~[(-5)] (4) Has had a category 3 state driver's license for~~  
17 ~~the two years immediately preceding driving~~



commercially under this section, with the following conditions:

- (A) Has not had any license suspended, revoked, or canceled; and
  - (B) Has not had any conviction for:
    - (i) Speeding excessively involving any speed of fifteen miles per hour or more above the speed limit;
    - (ii) Driving recklessly, as defined by state or local law or regulation, including but not limited to offenses of driving a motor vehicle in wilful or wanton disregard for the safety of person or property;
    - (iii) Making improper or erratic traffic lane changes;
    - (iv) Following the vehicle ahead too closely; or
    - (v) Violating state or local law relating to motor vehicle traffic control, excluding parking violations, arising in connection with a fatal accident."



1 SECTION 2. The department of transportation shall adopt or  
2 amend rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
3 necessary to lower the minimum age required for a commercial  
4 driver's license from twenty-one to eighteen.

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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# H.B. NO. 1696

**Report Title:**

DOT; Commercial Driver's Licenses; Minimum Age

**Description:**

Lowers the age of who may drive commercially within the State from nineteen to eighteen. Repeals the requirement that a person only operates category 3 vehicles to qualify to drive commercially in the State. Requires the Department of Transportation to amend its rules to lower the minimum age required for a commercial driver's license.

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