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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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



1 commercially under this section, with the following  
2 conditions:

3 (A) Has not had any license suspended, revoked, or  
4 canceled; and

**5** (B) Has not had any conviction for:

14 (iii) Making improper or erratic traffic lane  
15 changes;

16 (iv) Following the vehicle ahead too closely; or

17 (v) Violating state or local law relating to  
18 motor vehicle traffic control, excluding  
19 parking violations, arising in connection  
20 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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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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**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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