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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:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

~~[(5)]~~ (4) Has had a category 3 state driver's license for 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:

6 (i) Speeding excessively involving any speed of  
7 fifteen miles per hour or more above the  
8 speed limit;

9 (ii) Driving recklessly, as defined by state or  
10 local law or regulation, including but not  
11 limited to offenses of driving a motor  
12 vehicle in wilful or wanton disregard for  
13 the safety of person or property;

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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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