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SONNEY, STERN, R. STEVENSON AND SWANGER, OCTOBER 29, 2008

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, OCTOBER 29, 2008

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
2 Statutes, further providing for commercial driver's license
3 qualification standards.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 1607(a)(6) of Title 75 of the
7 Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 1607. Commercial driver's license qualification standards.

9 (a) Testing.--

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11 (6) The department shall provide applicants for
12 commercial driver's licenses with the choice of selecting a
13 knowledge test administered in either a written or an oral
14 format:

15 (i) The department shall administer the knowledge
16 tests only in [both] the English [and Spanish languages]
17 language.

1 (ii) An applicant requesting the oral [or Spanish]
2 version of the knowledge test must schedule for the
3 examination at a testing site authorized by the
4 department.

5 (iii) The department shall offer alternate testing
6 formats to avoid discrimination against drivers with
7 limited literacy or verbal comprehension skills.

8 (iv) The alternative of an oral version of the
9 knowledge test shall not be available to persons seeking
10 a hazardous materials endorsement on a commercial
11 driver's license.

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13 Section 2. This act shall take effect in 60 days.