

# HOUSE BILL No. 1351

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 9-13-2-19.1; IC 9-24-10-6.1.

**Synopsis:** Conduct of CDL physical by physical therapists. Defines "certified medical examiner". Provides that, unless there is a conflict with federal law or the orders, standards, or regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), a licensed physical therapist may perform an examination (exam) for an applicant for an initial or a renewal commercial driver's license or commercial learner's permit that is within the physical therapist's scope of practice. Provides that a physical therapist who performs an exam is subject to the requirements of the FMCSA for a certified medical examiner.

**Effective:** July 1, 2023.

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January 17, 2023, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning motor vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 9-13-2-19.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2023]: **Sec. 19.1. "Certified medical examiner", for purposes of**  
4 **IC 9-24, has the meaning set forth in IC 9-24-10-6.1.**

5 SECTION 2. IC 9-24-10-6.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
6 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
7 1, 2023]: **Sec. 6.1. (a) As used in this section, "certified medical**  
8 **examiner" means an individual licensed under the laws of Indiana**  
9 **who has been approved to conduct medical examinations on**  
10 **commercial motor vehicle drivers who are regulated by the United**  
11 **States Department of Transportation.**

12 **(b) Unless this section conflicts with federal law or the orders,**  
13 **standards, or regulations of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety**  
14 **Administration, a physical therapist licensed to practice physical**  
15 **therapy under IC 25-27 may perform an examination for an**  
16 **applicant for an initial or a renewal:**

17 **(1) commercial driver's license issued under IC 9-24-6.1; or**



- 1           **(2) commercial learner's permit issued under IC 9-24-6.1;**
- 2           **that is within the physical therapist's scope of practice.**
- 3           **(c) A physical therapist performing an examination under**
- 4           **subsection (b) is subject to the requirements of the Federal Motor**
- 5           **Carrier Safety Administration for a certified medical examiner.**

