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H. R. 8041

To authorize the Secretary of Transportation to extend the duration of the exemption from pre-trip vehicle skills testing for school bus drivers, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 17, 2024

Mr. CARTER of Texas (for himself, Ms. FOXX, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, and Mr. CUELLAR) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Driving Forward Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF EXEMPTION FROM PRE-TRIP VEHI-**
2 **CLE SKILLS TESTING FOR SCHOOL BUS DRIV-**
3 **ERS.**

4 (a) **EXTENDED EXEMPTION PERIOD.**—The Secretary
5 of Transportation shall issue such regulations as are nec-
6 essary to extend the exemption from the pre-trip vehicle
7 skills testing component for Commercial Drivers License
8 test candidates for the intra-state operation of school
9 buses of the Department of Transportation titled “Com-
10 mercial Driver’s License: Application for Exemption; Na-
11 tional School Transportation Association”, issued on Octo-
12 ber 27, 2022 (87 Fed. Reg. 65114), until November 27,
13 2027.

14 (b) **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON FURTHER EXTENSION OF**
15 **EXEMPTION.**—Not later than 120 days after the date of
16 enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall solicit public
17 comments on the feasibility and potential benefits of
18 granting an exemption of unlimited duration.

19 (c) **AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.**—Notwithstanding
20 any other provision of law, funds made available to a State
21 under section 31313 of title 49, United States Code, may
22 be used by the State to assist with costs associated with
23 implementing the exemption under subsection (a).

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