

AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT

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At the end of subtitle C of title XXVIII, insert the following:

1 **SEC. ____ . MODIFICATION OF RULES FOR APPROVAL OF**
2 **COMMERCIAL DRIVER EDUCATION PRO-**
3 **GRAMS FOR PURPOSES OF VETERANS EDU-**
4 **CATIONAL ASSISTANCE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3680A(e) of title 38,
6 United States Code, is amended—

7 (1) by redesignating paragraphs (1) through
8 (3) as subparagraphs (A) though (C), respectively;

9 (2) in the matter before subparagraph (A), as
10 redesignated by paragraph (1), by inserting “(1)”
11 before “The Secretary”;

12 (3) in paragraph (1)(B), as redesignated by
13 paragraph (1), by inserting “except as provided in
14 paragraph (2),” before “the course”; and

15 (4) by adding at the end the following new
16 paragraph (2):

17 “(2)(A) Subject to this paragraph, a commercial driv-
18 er education program is exempt from paragraph (1)(B)

1 for a branch of an educational institution if the commer-
2 cial driver education program offered at the branch by the
3 educational institution—

4 “(i) is appropriately licensed;

5 “(ii) is located in the same state as the primary
6 location; and

7 “(iii) uses the same curriculum as a commercial
8 driver education program offered by the educational
9 institution at another location that is approved for
10 purposes of this chapter by a State approving agen-
11 cy or the Secretary when acting in the role of a
12 State approving agency.

13 “(B)(i) In order for a commercial driver education
14 program of an educational institution offered at a branch
15 described in paragraph (1)(B) to be exempt under sub-
16 paragraph (A) of this paragraph, the educational institu-
17 tion shall submit to the Secretary each year that para-
18 graph (1)(B) would otherwise apply a report that dem-
19 onstrates that the curriculum at the new branch is the
20 same as the curriculum at the primary location.

21 “(ii) Reporting under clause (i) shall be submitted
22 in accordance with such requirements as the Secretary
23 shall establish in consultation with the State approving
24 agencies.

1 “(C)(i) The Secretary may withhold an exemption
2 under subparagraph (A) for any educational institution or
3 branch of an educational institution as the Secretary con-
4 siderers appropriate.

5 “(ii) In making any determination under clause (i),
6 the Secretary may consult with the Secretary of Transpor-
7 tation on the performance of a provider of a commercial
8 driver program, including the status of the provider within
9 the Training Provider Registry of the Federal Motor Car-
10 rier Safety Administration when appropriate.”.

11 (b) IMPLEMENTATION.—

12 (1) ESTABLISHMENT OF REQUIREMENTS.—Not
13 later than 180 days after the date of the enactment
14 of this Act, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs shall
15 establish requirements under section
16 3680A(e)(2)(B)(ii) of such title, as added by sub-
17 section (a).

18 (2) APPLICABILITY.—The amendments made
19 by subsection (a) shall apply to commercial driver
20 education programs on and after the date that is
21 180 days after the date on which the Secretary es-
22 tablishes the requirements under paragraph (1) of
23 this subsection.

