



Issue Brief: H.R. 5688 – Non-Domiciled CDL Integrity Act

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Overview

H.R. 5688 to tighten and clarify the requirements for states issuing Commercial Driver's Licenses (CDLs) to individuals who are not domiciled in the United States.

Key Provisions

- **General Rule:** States may issue CDLs only to individuals domiciled in the state or in a state that does not issue CDLs.
- **Foreign Jurisdiction Exceptions:** States may issue CDLs to individuals domiciled in foreign jurisdictions if:
 - The applicant has lawful immigration status.
 - The applicant holds a visa directly tied to legitimate employment requiring a CDL.
 - The state verifies immigration status before issuing, renewing, or upgrading the license.
 - Licenses are valid for up to one year or until the applicant's authorized stay expires.
 - States must retain issuance records for at least two years and provide them to the Secretary within 48 hours upon request.
- **U.S. Territories Exception:** Applicants from Puerto Rico, Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Northern Mariana Islands must:
 - Present proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful permanent residency.
 - Have their status verified by the state.
 - Be subject to the same record retention and reporting requirements.

Implications for Trucking Industry

- **Security & Integrity:** Aims to enhance the integrity of CDL issuance and ensure only legally authorized individuals operate commercial vehicles