

# WMCA Issues Brief

## CDL Fraud Prevention & Safety Reform (“Dalilah’s Law”)

### Overview

Dalilah’s Law is a comprehensive federal proposal aimed at **curbing fraud in commercial driver licensing (CDL)**, strengthening enforcement consistency across states, and improving highway safety. WMCA supports this effort because it protects responsible motor carriers, qualified drivers, and the motoring public.

### Why This Matters to WMCA Members

Fraudulent or improperly issued CDLs undermine safety and place compliant carriers at a competitive disadvantage. Inconsistent standards across states make it harder for carriers to verify driver qualifications and maintain compliance. This proposal addresses those gaps directly.

#### 1. English Language Proficiency (ELP)

- Requires CDL **knowledge and skills tests to be administered in English**
- Clarifies ELP standards for communication with law enforcement, understanding traffic signs, and completing required records
- Requires out-of-service orders for drivers who cannot demonstrate ELP
- Establishes at least a **one-year disqualification** for ELP violations
- Directs DOT to issue guidance to ensure **consistent enforcement nationwide**

#### 2. Non-Domiciled CDL Reforms

- Limits CDL issuance to U.S. citizens, lawful permanent residents, and specific visa holders
- Aligns CDL expiration dates with visa validity
- Requires states to **audit existing non-domiciled CDLs** and revoke improperly issued licenses

#### 3. Stronger State Accountability

- Imposes federal highway funding penalties on states that fail to enforce ELP or CDL issuance rules

- Requires reciprocal recognition of CDL disqualifications across state and international lines

#### **4. Employer Responsibilities & Notification**

- Prohibits carriers from allowing drivers to operate without a valid, compliant CDL
- Requires DOT to modernize driver record notification systems
- Strengthens enforcement authority for noncompliance

#### **5. Training Provider Oversight**

- Ends reliance on unchecked self-certification for CDL training providers
- Requires recertification and ongoing compliance with federal standards

#### **6. Supply Chain Fraud Protections**

- Restricts use of certain foreign dispatch services
- Establishes significant penalties for violations

#### **WMCA Position**

WMCA **supports Dalilah's Law** as a balanced, safety-driven approach to restoring confidence in the CDL system. The proposal promotes:

- Safer highways
- Fair competition
- Consistent enforcement
- Stronger workforce standards

WMCA will continue engaging with lawmakers to ensure the legislation is implemented in a practical, uniform manner that supports compliant carriers and professional drivers.

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