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re: Earl D. Edland / [REDACTED]; Danny Earl Hillier / [REDACTED];
Robert J. Johnson / [REDACTED]; Gerald R Rietmann / [REDACTED]

Dear Sirs:

The Minnesota commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers listed above have been granted an exemption from the vision regulation in 49 CFR 3 9 1.4 1 (b)(10). If they meet all other Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, these individuals are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. **The exemption will become effective November 9, 1998.**

The exemption has been granted under 49 U.S.C. 3 1136(e); it is valid for 2 years and is renewable. The conditions attached to the exemption, which each driver must meet in order to retain it, are:

- (1) Each individual must be physically examined every year (a) by an ophthalmologist or optometrist who attests his vision continues to measure at least 20/40 (Snellen) in the better eye, and (b) by a medical examiner who attests he is otherwise physically qualified under 49 CFR 391.41.
- (2) Each individual must provide a copy of the ophthalmologist's or optometrist's report to the medical examiner at the time of the annual medical examination.
- (3) The medical certificate must bear the statement, **"Medically unqualified unless accompanied by a Federal vision waiver."**
- (4) Each individual must have a copy of the certificate when driving so it may be presented to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

Although the exemption is valid for 2 years, the medical certificate may be valid for no more than 12 months. Each driver must undergo a recertification examination every year.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Michael Thomas of my staff, at 202-366-8786.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul L. Brennan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and "B".

Paul L. Brennan

Director, Office of Motor Carrier
Research and Standards