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PROJECTS

1. Please indicate your primary occupation(s) from the following list:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Truck Driver                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Owner-Operator                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Coach / Bus Driver                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Fleet Manager / Owner                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Company Safety Director                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit System Administrator               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Driver Trainer                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Carrier Insurance Provider           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Assessment Specialist                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Labor Union Representative                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Vehicle Admin.(State Driver's Licenses) | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforcement Officer (motor carrier safety) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Interest Group                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                                      |

2. Do you think a graduated commercial driver's license (GCDL) is needed?

- Yes  No

3. Should issuance of a GCDL be linked to enrollment in a commercial driving training program?

- Yes  No

**4. Should the curricula of a commercial driver training program meet widely-endorsed standards for a student to be eligible to receive a GCDL while in training?**

N/A

**5. Approximately how many months/years of entry level training and experience should new drivers receive before "graduating" to an unrestricted CDL?**

6 Months

**6. Should an applicant's past driving record be considered in issuing a GCDL?**

Yes

No

**7. How many of each of the following types of motor vehicle accidents and convictions within the past 12 months should cause an application to be denied a GCDL?**

Passenger car or light truck motor vehicle accidents

DUI/DWI convictions

Reckless driving convictions

Other convictions for motor vehicle traffic control violations

Controlled substances convictions

Traffic violations and citations

**8. Should penalties for drivers holding a GCDL, who have at-fault accidents or moving violations, be more severe than those for drivers with an unrestricted CDL?**

N/A

**9. How many months/years of passenger car or light truck driving experience should an applicant have before being issued a GCDL?**

12 Months

**10. Which of the following restrictions should apply to entry level drivers operating under a GCDL?**

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reduced hours of service  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limitations on equipment type (e.g., doubles/triples, tank vehicles, motor coaches, etc.)     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limitations on types of cargo (e.g., hazardous materials, livestock, liquids, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Limitations on weather and visibility conditions (e.g., ice, snow, fog, night driving)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Limitations on geography or terrain features (e.g., mountains)                                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limitations on distance or types of highways (e.g., miles per day, interstate highways, etc.) |   |

**11. Should a fully licensed CDL driver be required to accompany and observe a driver with a GCDL? If yes, for how many weeks/months/years?**

- Yes  No

**12. What is the minimum age at which an applicant should be eligible to receive a graduated CDL?**

18 years old

**13. Assuming that training requirements are met, what is the minimum age at which the holder of a graduated CDL should be eligible to graduate to an unrestricted CDL?**

20 years old

**14. How much testing (knowledge and road test) should be given to GCDL holders prior to issuing an unrestricted CDL?**

- Single test to "graduate" to an unrestricted CDL
- Periodically while holding a GCDL until training is complete
- Initial test plus re-test at 1 year after receiving initial GCDL
- Other

**15. What other factors do you feel must be addressed in the implementation of a graduated CDL program?**

To benefit my small business and alleviate the shortage of CDL license holders faced by beer Wholesalers and small business owners, drivers need not necessarily ever obtain a full unrestricted CDL. If CDLs are restricted by age, weight, length of vehicle, terrain, miles driving, conditions, time of day and other factors, drivers may not need to obtain a full unrestricted CDL would be a huge benefit to beer wholesalers and small businesses who engage in local delivery. I urge the DOT to consider implementing a process or system of graduated Licensing in which each level of the GCDL would be considered a CDL in its entirety and need not necessarily be considered only a stepping stone to the unrestricted CDL

**16. What costs would you or your organization anticipate incurring if a GCDL program is implemented?**

A GCDL could result in cost saving for beer wholesalers and small businesses in general. Beer wholesalers bear the financial and time burdens of training CDL drivers, and are happy to do so. However when certified CDL drivers are Hand-Picked from my company to become over the road drivers, I am left to retrain another employee at a great expense to my business. If my business could employ a driver who has mastered a set of skills that allow him to safely operate a commercial vehicle for delivering our product, without a full unrestricted CDL, this would be a great cost savings to my business. These savings would be able to create new jobs within my business and other small businesses.