

HB 2251 -- Commercial Driver's Licenses

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This bill requires the Department of Revenue to immediately revoke a commercial driver's license containing a hazardous materials endorsement upon receipt of an Initial Determination of Threat Assessment and Immediate Revocation from the federal Transportation Security Administration and to revoke or deny the endorsement within 15 days of receipt of a Final Determination of Threat Assessment from the federal administration.

"Hazardous materials" is defined as any material that has been designated as hazardous under 49 U.S.C. 5103 and is required to be placarded under subpart F of 49 C.F.R. Part 172 or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 C.F.R. Part 73.

Any person convicted of driving while out of service will be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle in the manner specified by federal regulations.

Failure to appear by a commercial driver's license holder or operator of a commercial vehicle will be a commercial driver's license offense requiring indefinite suspension until he or she is in compliance.

The bill revises the definition of "farm vehicle" to clarify that it is a commercial motor vehicle operated by a farmer transporting agricultural products, machinery, supplies, or a combination of these to or from the farm within 150 miles.