SENATE BILL 5464

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By Senators King, Torres, Chapman, and Dozier

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to promoting the better understanding of certain
- 2 federal standards related to commercial driver's licenses; and adding
- 3 a new section to chapter 46.25 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 46.25 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) The department shall initiate the rule-making process to 8 update WAC 308-100-020 to clarify how federal motor carrier safety 9 administration standards related to a person's country of domicile 10 and immigration status impact the ability to receive or renew a 11 commercial driver's license.
- 12 (2) The department shall provide regular training to staff that 13 handle applications for the issuance and renewal of commercial 14 driver's licenses on the following items:
- 15 (a) The documentation necessary to show proof of citizenship, 16 lawful residency, or nondomiciled status in order to receive or renew 17 a commercial driver's license;
- 18 (b) The options available to applicants for issuance or renewal 19 of a commercial driver's license based on the applicant's country of 20 domicile and immigration status; and

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(c) Steps to guide applicants for issuance or renewal to the proper application or renewal materials based on the applicant's country of domicile and immigration status.

- (3) The department shall regularly update the training outlined in subsection (2) of this section to maintain alignment with federal requirements and to best serve commercial driver's license applicants and holders.
- (4) The department shall make available to all commercial driver's license training schools, commercial driver's license applicants, and commercial driver's license holders, materials on how a person's country of domicile and immigration status might impact their ability to receive or renew a commercial driver's license. The materials must provide information on the licensing options available to a person based on the person's country of domicile and immigration status as well as any exceptions to the licensure standards issued by the federal motor carrier safety administration.

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