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FMCSA Extends Waiver for Expiring CDL Licenses, Learner's Permits and Driver Medical Cards

From PMAA

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued another three-month extension of the emergency waiver validating expired or expiring commercial driver licenses (CDL), commercial learner's permits (CLP), and driver medical examinations and medical qualification cards. The current waiver was set to expire on September 30, 2020. The latest extension will give drivers until December 31, 2020 to renew their expired CDL or CLP.

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Short-Haul Driver Hours of Service Amendments Now Effective *From PMAA*

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's (FMCSA) long awaited CDL hours of service (HOS) amendments for short-haul drivers are effective now. The FMCSA issued an HOS final rule earlier this year that adopted several provisions requested by PMAA that provides regulatory relief for short haul drivers. The final rule adopted the following PMAA reforms:

- Expands the short haul driver exception from recording driver hours of service from 100 air-miles to 150 air-miles.
- Increases the maximum daily on duty time for short haul drivers from 12 hours to 14 hours.
- Extends the maximum daily 11 hour driving window by two hours during adverse weather conditions and allows drivers (in addition to dispatchers) to determine if the weather conditions exist to trigger the extension.

These reforms are important for motor fuels and heating fuels marketers because the majority of drivers they employ are short-haul drivers. The reforms provide short haul drivers additional on duty time and expanded operating range without losing their current exception from having to record daily hours of service. In addition, many long haul drivers may now be reclassified as short haul drivers so long as they stay within the newly expanded 150 mile air radius limitation. As a result, these former long-haul drivers are no longer required to use electronic on-board HOS recorders mandated by the FMCSA several years ago. Instead, their HOS can now be demonstrated the same way as all short-haul drivers - by timecards and/or other business

records if requested by the DOT during an audit. This will reduce the recordkeeping burden on both motor and heating fuels marketers and provide them with more flexibility to schedule drivers while adding a significant number of on-duty hours per company across all drivers.

Special Association Wide Virtual Meeting Featuring Update on TCI; Presidential Election Briefing October 28

In any other year, today would have been the second of three days for the VPCMA annual meeting at the Greenbrier. However, for the first time in 72 years the Board of Directors cancelled this year's meeting over concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic. Today we are pleased to announce a special association wide virtual meeting which will be held on Wednesday, October 28th at 11:00am via Zoom. This event will feature two parts: an update on activity for the 2021 General Assembly, where some (including BP and Shell) will be pushing a plan to ration, tax, and eventually prohibit the use of gasoline, diesel and propane in Virginia within 10 years. We will provide a summary of their plans and ask for the assistance of every member to fight this ill-conceived notion which threatens the livelihoods of you and your suppliers. The second half of the program will feature Virginia's leading political pundit, Dr. Bob Holsworth, discussing the presidential campaign in Virginia and nationally just six days before election day. Bob has been with us before the last four presidential elections and is one of most requested speakers. He will also discuss the upcoming 2021 race for governor in the Commonwealth and Virginia politics in general. There is no charge to participate in this meeting, which is brought to you by our industry partners. However, registration is required to assure that we have sufficient space on Zoom for all who wish to attend. Registration details are listed below. All attendees will be entered to win prizes to be named later.

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.

When: Oct 28, 2020 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0rcOuqzktGtSV7URxIWYshtuzn6pxjcEz>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.