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AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 28, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 2, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY  
ADDING SECTION 28-5233; RELATING TO MOTOR CARRIERS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:  
2 Section 1. Title 28, chapter 14, article 2, Arizona Revised  
3 Statutes, is amended by adding section 28-5233, to read:  
4 28-5233. Motor carriers; English proficiency required;  
5 inspections; definition  
6 A. A MOTOR CARRIER IN THIS STATE SHALL DEMONSTRATE ENGLISH  
7 PROFICIENCY. ENGLISH PROFICIENCY INCLUDES A MOTOR CARRIER'S ABILITY TO  
8 UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO VERBAL QUESTIONS AND TO UNDERSTAND HIGHWAY  
9 TRAFFIC SIGNS, INCLUDING ELECTRONIC DYNAMIC MESSAGE SIGNS. A SPECIALTY  
10 OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AUTHORIZED PURSUANT  
11 TO SECTION 28-5204 SHALL ISSUE AN OUT-OF-SERVICE ORDER TO A MOTOR CARRIER  
12 WHO CANNOT SUFFICIENTLY DEMONSTRATE ENGLISH PROFICIENCY DURING AN  
13 INSPECTION.  
14 B. ALL ROADSIDE INSPECTIONS SHALL BE CONDUCTED IN ENGLISH AND  
15 WITHOUT TOOLS TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION, INCLUDING INTERPRETERS, CUE  
16 CARDS, SMARTPHONE APPLICATIONS OR ON-CALL TELEPHONE INTERPRETATION  
17 SERVICES.  
18 C. IF A MOTOR CARRIER IS DEEMED PROFICIENT IN ENGLISH BY A  
19 SPECIALTY OFFICER OF THE DEPARTMENT OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER  
20 AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 28-5204, THE REMAINDER OF THE INSPECTION  
21 MAY BE CONDUCTED USING THE COMMUNICATION METHODS AND TECHNIQUES BEST  
22 SUITED TO FACILITATE THE SAFE AND EFFECTIVE COMPLETION OF THE INSPECTION.  
23 D. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "OUT-OF-SERVICE ORDER" HAS THE  
24 SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 28-5241.