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motor carriers; English proficiency

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HOUSE BILL 2446

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.