

(VII) DRIVING A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT THE PROPER ENDORSEMENTS; OR

[(iv)] (VIII) Any other violation of a state or local law which the United States Secretary of Transportation determines by regulation to be serious.

(2) Serious traffic [violations] VIOLATION does not include vehicle weight and vehicle defect violations.

[(i)] (K) (1) "Tank vehicle" means any commercial motor vehicle that is designed to transport any liquid or gaseous material within a tank that is either permanently or temporarily attached to the vehicle or chassis.

(2) Tank vehicles include cargo tanks and portable tanks.

(3) Tank vehicle does not include portable tanks having a rated capacity under 1,000 gallons.

[(j)] (L) "United States" means the 50 states and the District of Columbia. 16-807.

(a) (1) Except when driving under a commercial driver's instructional permit and accompanied by the holder of a driver's license valid for the class of vehicle being driven, an individual may not drive a commercial motor vehicle unless the individual:

(I) [has] HAS been issued A COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE THAT:

1. IS VALID FOR THE CLASS OF VEHICLE BEING OPERATED; AND

2. HAS THE PROPER ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE SPECIFIC VEHICLE OR VEHICLE COMBINATION BEING OPERATED OR FOR THE PASSENGERS OR TYPE OF CARGO BEING TRANSPORTED; and

(II) [is] IS in immediate possession of a driver's license valid for the class of vehicle being driven.

(2) IT SHALL BE A VALID DEFENSE TO A CHARGE OF VIOLATING PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE DRIVER TO PROVIDE A CERTIFIED RECORD EITHER FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OR FROM THE LICENSING AUTHORITY OF THE DRIVER'S HOME STATE SHOWING THAT THE DRIVER HELD A VALID COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ON THE DATE OF THE VIOLATION.

(b) (1) An individual may not be issued a commercial driver's license until the individual has passed the knowledge and skill tests for driving a commercial motor vehicle which complies with the minimum federal standards established by the federal Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (Title XII of Public Law 99-570), and has satisfied all other requirements of that act as well as any other requirements of this title.