



## ARIZONA STATE SENATE

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#### FACT SHEET FOR H.B. 2111

##### commercial driver licenses

###### Purpose

Allows a commercial driver instruction permit holder to be accompanied by a same class or higher class license holder from another state when driving on public highways.

###### Background

A commercial driver license is available in three classes in Arizona. A Class A license is required for the operation of a vehicle hauling a trailer that is 10,001 pounds or more where the combined weight is 26,001 pounds or more. A Class B license is required to operate a heavyweight vehicle with a gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more. A Class C license is required to operate vehicles capable of carrying 16 or more passengers (including the driver) or vehicles required to be placarded for hazardous material.

To qualify for a commercial driver license, a person must be 21 years of age or older, have held a driver license in this state or any other for at least one year and submit evidence of compliance with medical standards and requirements that the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) adopts by rule. Additionally, the applicant must pass a driving exam as well as a written exam demonstrating understanding of the standards for commercial vehicles.

A person at least 18 years of age may apply for a commercial driver instruction permit. ADOT may issue this permit after the applicant meets all of the qualifications of the commercial driver license application except the driving test. The instruction permit holder then may drive a commercial motor vehicle when accompanied by another commercial driver license holder licensed in Arizona.

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the state General Fund associated with this legislation.

###### Provisions

1. Permits a commercial driver instruction permit holder to drive on the public highways when accompanied by a same class or higher class license holder from another state.
2. Becomes effective on the general effective date.

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**House action**

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