December 29, 2021, Introduced by Reps. Sneller and O'Malley and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1949 PA 300, entitled "Michigan vehicle code,"
by amending sections 306a, 312e, and 312f (MCL 257.306a, 257.312e, and 257.312f), sections 306a and 312f as amended by 2021 PA 71 and section 312e as amended by 2015 PA 11.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

Sec. 306a. (1) The secretary of state may issue a commercial learner's permit that entitles an individual to drive a vehicle requiring a vehicle group designation or endorsement.
under section 312e if all of the following apply:

(a) The individual submits a proper application and meets the requirements of 49 CFR parts 380 and 383.

(b) The individual is 18 years of age or older.

(c) The individual holds a valid operator's or chauffeur's license that is not a restricted license.

(d) The individual passes the knowledge tests for an original vehicle group designation or endorsement, as required by 49 CFR part 383 and, beginning February 7, 2022, completes the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380.

(e) If the individual is applying for a hazardous materials endorsement, he or she has been approved for the hazardous materials endorsement by the Federal Transportation Security Administration.

(2) An individual issued a commercial learner's permit under subsection (1), or an equivalent commercial learner's permit issued by another jurisdiction, may operate a vehicle requiring a vehicle group designation or endorsement under section 312e, if all of the following apply:

(a) The individual has the permit and a valid operator's or chauffeur's license in his or her possession while operating the vehicle.

(b) The individual is accompanied by an instructor certified under the driver education provider and instructor act, 2006 PA 384, MCL 256.621 to 256.705, or an adult with a valid operator's or chauffeur's license, and all of the following apply:

(i) The instructor or licensed adult has in his or her possession a valid license with a vehicle group designation and any
endorsement necessary to operate the vehicle as provided in section 312e.

(ii) The instructor or licensed adult is at all times physically present in the front seat of the vehicle next to the operator or, in the case of a passenger vehicle, directly behind the operator or in the first row behind the operator.

(iii) The instructor or licensed adult has the operator under observation and direct supervision.

(c) The individual shall not operate a vehicle transporting hazardous materials as defined in 49 CFR part 383.

(d) If the individual has a permit to operate a tank vehicle, the individual may only operate an empty tank vehicle and shall not operate any tank vehicle that previously contained hazardous materials unless the tank has been purged of all hazardous material residue.

(e) If the individual has a permit to operate a vehicle designed to carry 16 or more passengers or a school bus, the individual shall not operate a vehicle designed to carry 16 or more passengers or a school bus with any passengers other than the following individuals:

(i) The instructor or licensed adult described in this section.

(ii) Federal or state auditors or inspectors.

(iii) Test examiners.

(iv) Other trainees.

(3) Beginning October 1, 2021, a commercial learner's permit issued under this section is valid for 1 year from the date of issuance.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a commercial learner's permit issued under this section that expires on or after March 1,
2020 is valid until March 31, 2021. Notwithstanding subsection (3), a commercial learner's permit issued under this section that expires after March 31, 2021 but before August 1, 2021 is valid until 120 days after the date of the expiration.

Sec. 312e. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a person, an individual, before operating a commercial motor vehicle, shall obtain the required vehicle group designation as follows:

(a) A person, an individual, before operating a combination of motor vehicles with a gross combination weight rating or gross combination weight of 26,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater, inclusive of towed units with a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of more than 10,000 pounds, shall procure a group A vehicle designation on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license. Unless an endorsement or the removal of restrictions is required, a person an individual licensed to operate a group A vehicle may operate a group B or C vehicle without taking another test.

(b) A person, an individual, before operating a single vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of 26,001 pounds or more, whichever is greater, including while towing a vehicle having a gross vehicle weight rating or gross vehicle weight of not more than 10,000 pounds, shall procure a group B vehicle designation on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license. Unless an endorsement or the removal of restrictions is required, a person an individual licensed to operate a group B vehicle may operate a group C vehicle without taking another test.

(c) A person, an individual, before operating a single vehicle or a combination of vehicles that fits the definition of small
vehicle (group C) under 49 CFR 383.91(a)(3) shall procure a group C vehicle designation and a hazardous material or passenger vehicle endorsement on his or her operator's or chauffeur's license.

(2) An applicant for a vehicle group designation shall take knowledge and driving skills tests that comply with minimum federal standards prescribed in 49 CFR part 383 as required under this act

and, beginning February 7, 2022, complete the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380.

(3) The license shall must be issued, suspended, revoked, canceled, or renewed in accordance with this act.

(4) Except as provided in this subsection, all of the following apply:

(a) If an individual operates a group B passenger vehicle while taking his or her driving skills test for a P endorsement, he or she is restricted to operating only group B or C passenger vehicles under that P endorsement. If an individual operates a group B school bus while taking his or her driving skills test for an S endorsement, he or she is restricted to operating only group B or C school buses under that S endorsement.

Except as provided in this section, beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this sentence, July 8, 2015, the secretary of state shall place on the commercial learner's permit or commercial driver license the following restriction code as provided under 49 CFR 383.95 and 383.153: not valid to operate a group A passenger commercial motor vehicle.

(b) If an individual operates a group C passenger vehicle while taking his or her driving skills test for a P
endorsement, he or she is restricted to operating only group C passenger vehicles under that P endorsement.

If a person—an individual operates a group C school bus while taking his or her driving skills test for an S endorsement, he or she is restricted to operating only group C school buses under that S endorsement. Except as provided in this section, beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this sentence, July 8, 2015, the secretary of state shall place on the commercial learner's permit or commercial driver license the following restriction code as provided under 49 CFR 383.95 and 383.153: not valid to operate a group A or group B passenger commercial motor vehicle.

(c) A person—An individual who fails the air brake portion of the written or driving skills test provided under section 312f or who takes the driving skills test provided under that section in a commercial motor vehicle that is not equipped with air brakes shall not operate a commercial motor vehicle equipped with air brakes. Except as provided in this section, beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this sentence, July 8, 2015, the secretary of state shall place on the commercial learner's permit or commercial driver license the following restriction code as provided under 49 CFR 383.95 and 383.153: CDL not valid for vehicle with air brakes.

(d) Except as provided in this section, beginning on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this subdivision, July 8, 2015, the secretary of state shall place on a commercial learner's permit or commercial driver license the following restriction codes as provided under 49 CFR 383.95 and 383.153:

(i) For a commercial learner's permit:
(A) No passengers in a commercial motor vehicle bus.
(B) No cargo in a commercial motor vehicle tank vehicle.
(C) Commercial motor vehicle operation with medical variance.
(D) Commercial motor vehicle operation intrastate only.

(ii) For a commercial driver license:
(A) Not valid to operate commercial motor vehicle equipped
with full air brakes.
(B) Not valid to operate commercial motor vehicle equipped
with manual transmission.
(C) Not valid to operate a group A commercial vehicle tractor-
trailer combination connected by fifth wheel.
(D) Commercial motor vehicle operation intrastate only.
(E) Commercial motor vehicle operation with medical variance.

(5) A person, an individual, before operating a commercial
motor vehicle, shall obtain the following vehicle
endorsements as provided under 49 CFR 383.93 and 383.153:
(a) A person, an individual, before operating a commercial
motor vehicle pulling double trailers, shall obtain the appropriate
vehicle group designation and a T vehicle endorsement
under this act.
(b) A person, an individual applying for a commercial learner's
permit to operate an empty tank motor vehicle shall obtain the
appropriate vehicle group designation and an N endorsement. A
person, endorsement. An individual, before operating a tank motor
vehicle, shall have on a commercial driver license the appropriate
vehicle group designation and an N vehicle endorsement
under this act.
(c) A person, until February 6, 2022, an individual, before
operating a commercial motor vehicle carrying hazardous materials
on which a placard is required under 49 CFR parts 100 to 199, shall procure the appropriate vehicle group designation and an H vehicle endorsement under this act. Beginning February 7, 2022, an individual, before operating a commercial motor vehicle carrying hazardous materials on which a placard is required under 49 CFR parts 100 to 199, shall complete the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380 to procure the appropriate vehicle group designation and an H vehicle endorsement under this act.

(d) A person, an individual, before operating a tank motor vehicle carrying hazardous materials, shall obtain the appropriate vehicle group designation and both an N and H vehicle endorsement, which shall must be designated by the code letter X on the person's individual's operator's or chauffeur's license.

(e) A person, an individual applying for a commercial learner's permit to operate a passenger commercial motor vehicle that is not a school bus, as set forth in section 306a(2)(e), shall obtain the appropriate commercial vehicle group designation and a P endorsement. An individual, before operating a vehicle that is designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver but that is not a school bus shall must have on a commercial driver license the appropriate vehicle group designation and a P vehicle endorsement under this act. An applicant for a P vehicle endorsement shall take the driving skills test in a vehicle designed to transport 16 or more passengers including the driver and, beginning February 7, 2022, complete the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380.

(f) A person, an individual applying for a commercial learner's
permit to operate a school bus designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, as set forth in section 306a(2)(e), who does not currently possess a P endorsement, shall obtain the appropriate vehicle group designation and pass the knowledge tests for both the P and S endorsements. A person, endorsements. An individual, before operating a school bus, must have on a commercial driver license the appropriate vehicle group designation and both the P and S vehicle endorsements under this act. An applicant for an S vehicle endorsement shall take a driving skills test in a school bus designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, that represents the same type of vehicle that the applicant intends to operate as a school bus and, beginning February 7, 2022, complete the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380.

(g) A person, An individual who currently possesses a P endorsement and is applying for a commercial learner's permit to operate a school bus designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, as set forth in section 306(a)(2)(e), shall obtain the appropriate vehicle group designation and pass the knowledge test for the S endorsement. A person, endorsement. An individual who currently possesses a P endorsement, endorsement, before operating a school bus designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, shall obtain the appropriate vehicle group designation, pass the knowledge test for an S endorsement, endorsement, and obtain an S vehicle endorsement for his or her commercial driver license under this act. An applicant for an S vehicle endorsement shall take a driving skills test in a school bus.
designed to transport 16 or more passengers, including the driver, that represents the same type of vehicle that the applicant intends to operate as a school bus and, beginning February 7, 2022, complete the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380.

(6) An applicant for an indorsement endorsement shall take the knowledge and driving skills tests described and required under 49 CFR part 383 and, beginning February 7, 2022, complete the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380.

(7) The holder of an unexpired operator's or chauffeur's license may be issued a vehicle group designation and indorsement endorsement valid for the remainder of the license upon meeting the qualifications of section 312f and payment of the original vehicle group designation fee of $25.00 and an indorsement endorsement fee of $5.00 per indorsement endorsement, and a corrected license fee of $18.00. A person required to procure an F vehicle indorsement endorsement under subsection (9) shall pay an indorsement endorsement fee of $5.00.

(8) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (9) and (10), this section does not apply to a driver or operator of a vehicle under all of the following conditions:

(a) The vehicle is controlled and operated by a farmer or an employee or family member of the farmer.

(b) The vehicle is used to transport agricultural products, farm machinery, farm supplies, or a combination of these items, to or from a farm.

(c) The vehicle is not used in the operation of a common or contract motor carrier.

(d) The vehicle is operated within 150 miles of the farm.
(9) A person, an individual, before driving or operating a combination of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more on the power unit that is used as described in subsection (8)(a) to (d), shall obtain an F vehicle endorsement. The F vehicle endorsement must be issued upon successful completion of a knowledge test only.

(10) A person, an individual, before driving or operating a single vehicle truck having a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more or a combination of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more on the power unit that is used as described in subsection (8)(a) to (d) for carrying hazardous materials on which a placard is required under 49 CFR parts 100 to 199, shall successfully complete both a knowledge test and a driving skills test. Upon successful completion of the knowledge test and driving skills test, the person individual shall be issued the appropriate vehicle group designation and any vehicle endorsement necessary under this act.

(11) This section does not apply to a police officer operating an authorized emergency vehicle or to a firefighter operating an authorized emergency vehicle who has met the driver training standards published under the firefighters training council act, 1966 PA 291, MCL 29.361 to 29.377.

(12) This section does not apply to a person an individual operating a vehicle used exclusively to transport personal possessions or family members for nonbusiness purposes.

(13) The money collected under subsection (7) for a vehicle group designation or endorsement shall be deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the general fund. The secretary of state shall refund out of the fees collected to
each county or municipality acting as an examining officer or examining bureau $3.00 for each applicant examined for a first designation or endorsement to an operator's or chauffeur's license and $1.50 for each renewal designation or endorsement to an operator's or chauffeur's license, whose application is not denied, on the condition that the money refunded shall be paid to the county or local treasurer and is appropriated to the county, municipality, or officer or bureau receiving that money for the purpose of carrying out this act.

(14) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, a person operating a vehicle described in subsections (8) and (9) is subject to the provisions of sections 303 and 319b.

(15) This state shall comply with the requirements of the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators' AAMVAnet, Incorporated's "Commercial Driver License Information System (CDLIS) State Procedures Manual" that the secretary of state determines are required for implementing and enforcing federal law.

Sec. 312f. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an individual shall be not less than 18 years of age before he or she is issued a vehicle group designation or endorsement, other than a motorcycle endorsement, or not less than 21 years of age and has been approved by the Transportation Security Administration for a hazardous material endorsement before he or she is issued a hazardous material endorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's license and, as provided in this section, the individual shall pass a knowledge test and a driving skills test that comply with minimum federal standards prescribed in 49 CFR part 383 and, beginning February 7, 2022, complete the entry level driver training...
described and required under 49 CFR part 380. The knowledge test and the driving skills test scores must be retained by the secretary of state as provided under 49 CFR 383.135. An individual who is 18 years of age or older operating a vehicle to be used for farming purposes only may obtain an A or B vehicle group designation or an F vehicle endorsement. Each written examination given to an applicant for a vehicle group designation or endorsement must include subjects designed to cover the type or general class of vehicle to be operated. Except as follows, an individual shall pass an examination that includes a driving skills test designed to test competency of the applicant for an original vehicle group designation and passenger endorsement on an operator's or chauffeur's license to drive that type or general class of vehicle upon the highways of this state with safety to persons and property and, beginning February 7, 2022, complete an entry level driver training:

(a) The secretary of state shall waive the driving skills test for an individual operating a vehicle that is used under the conditions described in section 312e(8)(a) to (d) unless the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,001 pounds or more on the power unit and is to be used to carry hazardous materials on which a placard is required under 49 CFR parts 100 to 199.

(b) The driving skills test may be waived if the applicant has a valid license with the appropriate vehicle group designation, passenger vehicle endorsement, or school bus endorsement in another state issued in compliance with 49 USC 31301 to 31317, or if the individual successfully passes a driving skills test administered in another state that meets the requirements of federal law and the law of this state.
(c) The secretary of state may waive the knowledge test and the driving skills test required under this section for an individual with military commercial motor vehicle experience if the individual, at the time of application, certifies and provides evidence satisfactory to the secretary of state that he or she continuously met all of the requirements under 49 CFR part 383 during the 2-year period immediately preceding the date of application for the commercial driver license.

(d) Beginning February 7, 2022, the secretary of state may waive the entry level driver training required under this section for an individual who, at the time of application, certifies and provides evidence satisfactory to the secretary of state that he or she meets one of the exceptions for taking a driving skills test under 49 CFR part 383.

(2) Except for an individual who has held an operator's or chauffeur's license for less than 1 year, the secretary of state shall waive the knowledge test and the driving skills test and issue a 1-year seasonal restricted vehicle group designation to an otherwise qualified applicant to operate a group B or a group C vehicle for a farm related service industry if all of the following conditions are met:

(a) The applicant meets the requirements of 49 CFR 383.77.

(b) The seasons for which the seasonal restricted vehicle group designation is issued are from April 2 to June 30 and from September 2 to November 30 only of a 12-month period or, at the option of the applicant, for not more than 180 days from the date of issuance in a 12-month period.

(c) The commercial motor vehicle for which the seasonal restricted vehicle group designation is issued must be operated
only if all the following conditions are met:

(i) The commercial motor vehicle is operated only on routes within 150 miles from the place of business to the farm or farms being served.

(ii) The commercial motor vehicle does not transport a quantity of hazardous materials on which a placard under 49 CFR parts 100 to 199 is required except for the following:

(A) Diesel motor fuel in quantities of 1,000 gallons or less.
(B) Liquid fertilizers in quantities of 3,000 gallons or less.
(C) Solid fertilizers that are not transported with any organic substance.

(iii) The commercial motor vehicle does not require the H, N, P, S, T, or X vehicle endorsement.

(3) A seasonal restricted vehicle group designation under this section must be issued, suspended, revoked, canceled, denied, or renewed in accordance with this act. The secretary of state may renew a seasonal restricted vehicle group designation 1 time per calendar year regardless of whether the seasonal restricted vehicle group designation is expired at the time of renewal.

(4) The secretary of state may enter into an agreement with another public or private corporation or agency to conduct a driving skills test required under this section, section 312e, or 49 CFR part 383 or to provide the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR part 380. Before the secretary of state authorizes an individual to administer a corporation's or agency's driver skills testing operations, or authorizes an examiner to conduct a driving skills test, or authorizes an entry level driver training provider that meets the requirements of 49 CFR 380.700 to conduct an entry level driving training, that
individual, or examiner, or entry level driver training provider must complete both a state and Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint-based criminal history check through the department of state police.

(5) The secretary of state shall not issue a commercial learner's permit, a vehicle group designation, or a vehicle endorsement to an applicant for an original vehicle group designation or vehicle endorsement under section 312e or may cancel a commercial learner's permit or all vehicle group designations or endorsements on an individual's operator's or chauffeur's license to whom 1 or more of the following apply:

(a) The applicant has had his or her license suspended or revoked for a reason other than as provided in section 321a, 515, 732a, or 801c or section 30 of the support and parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.630, in the 36 months immediately preceding application. However, a vehicle group designation may be issued if the suspension or revocation was due to a temporary medical condition or failure to appear at a reexamination as provided in section 320.

(b) The applicant was convicted of or incurred a bond forfeiture in relation to a 6-point violation as provided in section 320a in the 24 months immediately preceding application if the violation occurred while the applicant was operating a commercial motor vehicle, or a violation of section 625(3) or former section 625b, or a local ordinance that substantially corresponds to section 625(3) or former section 625b in the 24 months immediately preceding application, if the applicant was operating any type of motor vehicle.

(c) The applicant is listed on the National Driver Register,
the Commercial Driver's License Information System, or the driving
records of the state in which the applicant was previously licensed
as being disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or
as having a license or driving privilege suspended, revoked,
canceled, or denied.

(d) The applicant is listed on the National Driver Register,
the Commercial Driver's License Information System, or the driving
records of the state in which the applicant was previously licensed
as having had a license suspended, revoked, or canceled in the 36
months immediately preceding application if a suspension or
revocation would have been imposed under this act had the applicant
been licensed in this state in the original instance. This
subdivision does not apply to a suspension or revocation that would
have been imposed due to a temporary medical condition or under
section 321a, 515, 732a, or 801c or section 30 of the support and
parenting time enforcement act, 1982 PA 295, MCL 552.630.

(e) The applicant is subject to a suspension or revocation
under section 319b or would have been subject to a suspension or
revocation under section 319b if the applicant had been issued a
vehicle group designation or vehicle indorsement.

(f) The applicant has been disqualified from operating a
commercial motor vehicle under 49 USC 31301 to 31317 or the
applicant's license to operate a commercial motor vehicle has been
suspended, revoked, denied, or canceled within 36 months
immediately preceding the date of application.

(g) The United States Secretary of Transportation has
disqualified the applicant from operating a commercial motor
vehicle.

(h) The applicant fails to satisfy the federal regulations
promulgated under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 by refusing to certify
the type of commercial motor vehicle operation the applicant
intends to perform and fails to present valid medical certification
to the secretary of state if required to do so. The requirement of
this subdivision is waived from July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021,
pursuant to the Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 National
Emergency – For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate
Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles, or any extension of
that waiver issued after August 31, 2021.

(i) The applicant has been disqualified from operating a
commercial motor vehicle due to improper or fraudulent testing.

(j) If the secretary of state determines through a
governmental investigation that there is reason to believe that a
commercial driver license or endorsement was issued as a result of
fraudulent or improper conduct in taking a knowledge test or
driving skills test required under 49 CFR part 383 or in completing
the entry level driver training described and required under 49 CFR
part 380, the secretary of state shall require the applicant to
retake and successfully pass that test or complete the training.
The secretary of state shall cancel any commercial driver license
or endorsement issued as a result of the suspect test or training
unless the applicant retakes and passes that test or completes the
training.

(6) The secretary of state shall not renew or upgrade a
vehicle group designation if 1 or more of the following conditions
exist:

(a) The United States Secretary of Transportation has
disqualified the applicant from operating a commercial motor
vehicle.
(b) The applicant is listed on the National Driver Register or the Commercial Driver's License Information System as being disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle or as having a driver license or driving privilege suspended, revoked, canceled, or denied.

(c) On or after January 30, 2012, the applicant fails to meet the requirements of 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 by refusing to certify the type of commercial motor vehicle operation the applicant intends to perform and fails to present medical certification to the secretary of state if required to do so. The requirement of this subdivision is waived from July 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021, pursuant to the Waiver in Response to the COVID-19 National Emergency – For States, CDL Holders, CLP Holders, and Interstate Drivers Operating Commercial Motor Vehicles, or any extension of that waiver issued after August 31, 2021.

(7) The secretary of state shall only consider bond forfeitures under subsection (5)(b) for violations that occurred on or after January 1, 1990 when determining the applicability of subsection (5).

(8) If an applicant for an original vehicle group designation was previously licensed in another jurisdiction, the secretary of state shall request a copy of the applicant's driving record from that jurisdiction. If 1 or more of the conditions described in subsection (5) exist in that jurisdiction when the secretary of state receives the copy, the secretary of state shall cancel all vehicle group designations on the individual's operator's or chauffeur's license.

(9) The secretary of state shall cancel all vehicle group designations on an individual's operator's or chauffeur's license
upon receiving notice from the United States Secretary of Transportation, the National Driver Register, the Commercial Driver's License Information System, or another state or jurisdiction that 1 or more of the conditions described in subsection (5) existed at the time of the individual's application in this state.

(10) The secretary of state shall cancel all vehicle group designations on the individual's operator's or chauffeur's license upon receiving proper notice that the individual no longer meets the federal driver qualification requirements under 49 CFR parts 380, 383, and 391 to operate a commercial motor vehicle in interstate or intrastate commerce, or the individual no longer meets the driver qualification requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle in intrastate commerce under the motor carrier safety act of 1963, 1963 PA 181, MCL 480.11 to 480.25.

(11) Subsection (5)(a), (b), (d), and (f) does not apply to an applicant for an original vehicle group designation who at the time of application has a valid license to operate a commercial motor vehicle issued by any state in compliance with 49 USC 31301 to 31317.

(12) As used in this section, "farm related service industry" means custom harvesters, farm retail outlets and suppliers, agricultural business, or livestock feeders.