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Bureau of Motor Vehicles

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NEW MEDICAL AND SELF-CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMERCIAL DRIVER LICENSE (CDL) HOLDERS

-New Federal Regulations for CDL holders-

COLUMBUS – Beginning January 30, 2012, new Federal regulations will require **ALL** Commercial Driver License (CDL) holders to self-certify their type of commercial driving. This will be done at the time of issuance or renewal of the CDL. **The Ohio BMV will not begin accepting the self-certification form until January 30, 2012.**

Failing to Self-Certify by completing the required BMV 2159 and/or submitting the required Medical Examiner's Certificate (Medical Card) by **January 30, 2014** will cause a ***cancellation*** of commercial driving privileges and prevent the issuance of a CDL until compliant.

All CDL holders **MUST** Self-Certify to one of four categories:

Category 1: Non-Excepted INTERSTATE (CDL holders who drive across state lines or transport freight that has or will cross state lines and must meet federal medical requirements. (Must submit medical card to Ohio BMV)

Category 2: Excepted INTERSTATE (CDL holders who drive across state lines but do not need to meet federal medical requirements.)

Category 3: Non-Excepted INTRASTATE (CDL holders who do not drive across state lines, but are required to meet state medical requirements.)

Category 4: Excepted INTRASTATE (CDL holders who do not use the CDL for business purposes and are not required to meet state medical requirements.)

This change is in reference to new federal regulations CFR 49 part 383, 384, 390 & 391. The regulations can be found online at www.fmcsa.dot.gov , under rules & regulations.

For more information visit www.ohiobmv.gov or direct your inquiries to: Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles, CDL/Out of State Processing, P.O. Box 16784, Columbus, Ohio 43216-6784 or contact the Ohio BMV at (855) 240-8844 (Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)