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House Bill 4787 as introduced Sponsor: Rep. Gregory Markkanen Committee: Transportation

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SUMMARY:

House Bill 4787 would amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to allow the secretary of state to waive the commercial driver's license (CDL) knowledge test for applicants with relevant military vehicle experience.

The Michigan Vehicle Code requires applicants for a commercial driver's license to take a knowledge test and a driving skills test—but it allows the secretary of state to waive the skills test for applicants who have military commercial motor vehicle experience and who continuously met federal commercial driver's license requirements¹ during the two years preceding their application.

The bill would allow the secretary of state to also waive the knowledge test for these drivers.

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BACKGROUND:

House Bill 4787 is identical to HB 6298 of the 2019-20 legislative session as that bill was referred from the House Transportation committee to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill would have no fiscal impact on the state or local units of government.

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¹ https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/CFR-2011-title49-vol5/pdf/CFR-2011-title49-vol5-part383.pdf