

CHAPTER 253
FORMERLY
SENATE BILL NO. 227

AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 21 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO COMMERCIAL LEARNER PERMITS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE:

Section 1. Amend § 2608, Title 21 of the Delaware Code by making deletions as shown by strike through and insertions as shown by underline as follows:

§ 2608. Commercial driver license qualification standards.

(d) *Commercial learner permit (CLP)*. — (1) The issuance of a CLP is a precondition to the initial issuance of a CDL. A CLP may be issued to an individual who has satisfied all of the following requirements:

- a. Is at least 18 years of ~~age;~~ age.
- b. Holds a valid Delaware driver ~~license;~~ and license.
- c. Has passed the vision and written tests required for a CDL.

(2) The CLP may ~~not~~ be issued for a period ~~to exceed 6 months;~~ that does not exceed 1 year. Only 1 renewal or re-issuance may be granted within a 1-year period. The 1-year period ~~shall begin~~ begins with the issuance date of the original permit. The holder of a CLP may, unless otherwise disqualified, drive a commercial motor vehicle only when accompanied by the holder of a commercial driver license, valid for the type of vehicle driven who occupies a seat beside the individual for the purpose of giving instruction in driving the commercial motor vehicle; provided that the CLP holder may not operate a commercial motor vehicle transporting hazardous materials as defined in § 2603 of this title.

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