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INFORMATIONAL NOTICE

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MOTOR CARRIER SAFETY IMPROVEMENT ACT (MCSIA)

In accordance with Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulation, 49 CFR 383.51, effective July 1, 2005, changes were made to the Disqualification of Commercial Driver Licenses. The following is an example of how convictions/adjudications can affect your Commercial Driver License status.

*******WHILE DRIVING A COMMERCIAL VEHICLE*******

You will be disqualified from operating a Commercial Vehicle for one year, if convicted of one of the following:

- DWI (BAC .04)
- Leaving The Scene of An Accident
- DUI
- Driving While CDL License is Disqualified
- Refusal to Submit to BAC Test
- Driving with a Suspended License

You will be disqualified from operating a Commercial Vehicle for at least 60 days if at a Railroad Crossing you:

- Fail to Slow Down and Check for Trains
- Have to Stop on the Tracks to Get Over Them
- Fail to Stop for Lights or Enforcement Officer
- Don't Have Enough Undercarriage Clearance

What if you violate an Out-Service-Order?

- You will be issued a CDL Disqualification for no less than 90 days or more than 5 years depending on number of offenses

While driving a Commercial Vehicle you will receive a CDL disqualification for 60 days for committing any two of the following offenses in a 3-year period.

- Reckless Driving
- Following Too Close
- Not Having Your License in Your Possession
- Not Having Proper License Endorsements
- Excessive Speeding (+15 mph over the speed limit)
- Erratic Lane Changes
- Violating State or Local Motor Vehicle Law (not parking tickets) Involving a Fatality

*******WHILE DRIVING YOUR PERSONAL NON-COMMERCIAL VEHICLE*******

You will be disqualified from operating a Commercial Vehicle for one year, if convicted of one of the following:

- DWI (BAC .08)
- Leaving The Scene of An Accident
- Refusal to Submit to BAC Test
- DUI
- Driving With a Suspended License

Other driving infractions with your non-commercial vehicle that will affect your CDL license:

- If your non-commercial operator license is suspended for excessive points (10 or more), and the triggering offense is the second disqualifying offense in a 3 year period, your CDL license will be disqualified for 60 days.
- Disqualifying offenses are:
 - ◆ Excessive Speeding (+15 mph over the speed limit)
 - ◆ Reckless Driving
 - ◆ Erratic Lane Changes
 - ◆ Following Too Close
 - ◆ Violating any Local, State or Federal Motor Vehicle Laws Involving a Fatality

A disqualification of your privilege to operate a Commercial Vehicle will result in your operating privileges being reduced to that of a Class D Operator License.