



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

ADDRESSING CDL DRIVER SHORTAGES

- WHEREAS:** The logistics industry is a key part of Georgia's economy; and
- WHEREAS:** The economy is facing supply chain disruptions affecting the movement of goods throughout the State; and
- WHEREAS:** An expanded workforce of individuals holding commercial driver's licenses ("CDL") is critical to alleviate these disruptions; and
- WHEREAS:** Many aspects of the trucking industry are federally regulated; and
- WHEREAS:** I have joined the governors of fourteen other states in urging the federal government to suspend regulations that prohibit national economic recovery; and
- WHEREAS:** In addition to federal regulatory changes, the state should regularly review rules, regulations, and policies to identify changes that will allow for an expanded workforce without jeopardizing public safety on Georgia's roadways; and
- WHEREAS:** It is appropriate all divisions of the Executive Branch of the State work together and engage nongovernmental stakeholders to address these critical issues.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

- ORDERED:** That the Department of Driver Services ("DDS"), working with other state agencies, shall draft a report addressing CDL driver shortages that shall be provided to the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER

- ORDERED:** That the report shall identify and suggest amendments to statutes, regulations, and policies that negatively impact the availability of

CDL drivers and unreasonably limit expansion of the commercial trucking industry.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That no recommendation shall be included that jeopardizes the public's safety on Georgia's roadways.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That DDS, the Georgia Department of Defense, and the Department of Veterans Service continue to promote CDL training and certification opportunities for servicemen and servicewomen.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That DDS, the Department of Corrections, and the Department of Community Supervision shall promote CDL training and certification opportunities for formerly incarcerated individuals.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That DDS shall collaborate with third parties, which may include, but are not limited to, the Department of Labor, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the Technical College System of Georgia, private businesses, and other stakeholders to increase the number of training and employment opportunities for CDL drivers.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That all divisions of the executive branch shall cooperate with DDS in carrying out this Order and shall provide staff support and any other assistance as reasonably requested.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature.

This 23rd day of November 2021.



GOVERNOR