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BURKE INTRODUCES BILL TO PROVIDE CDL WAIVER FOR DRIVERS WITH MILITARY EXPERIENCE

COLUMBUS— State Senator Dave Burke (R- Marysville) announced that he has recently introduced Senate Bill 235, legislation that would establish a waiver for the commercial driver’s license (CDL) skills test for drivers with military commercial motor vehicle experience.

“Many of the men and women in our armed forces have already demonstrated their ability to drive a commercial vehicle, and I see no reason why they should have to prove their qualifications again to obtain a CDL here in Ohio,” Burke said. “My legislation will help bring additional skilled workers to our state while maintaining the safety of our roads.”

Under current Ohio law, a CDL is not required for a vehicle operated for military purposes by any member or uniformed employee of the armed forces of the United States or their reserve components, including the Ohio National Guard. Burke’s proposal would make these same individuals eligible for a skills test waiver, provided they meet additional requirements – established by the Department of Public Safety – concerning driving record and operation of a commercial motor vehicle during their military service.

Similar proposals have been approved in Florida, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri and Pennsylvania. Senate Bill 235 will now be assigned to a Senate committee for further review.

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Senator Burke represents the 26th Ohio Senate District, which encompasses all of Crawford, Logan, Marion, Sandusky, Union and Wyandot counties as well as portions of Ottawa and Seneca counties. For more information, please visit www.ohiosenate.gov/dave-burke.