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**MEMORANDUM**

To: House Committee on Transportation  
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes  
Date: February 8, 2024  
Subject: Bill Brief – HB 2679

HB 2679 authorizes the director of vehicles to waive the knowledge and skills test requirements for a commercial driver’s license (CDL) for applicants that qualify for a waiver under the military even exchange program.

HB 2679 amends the Kansas uniform commercial drivers’ license act (Act), and specifically K.S.A. 8-2,133. K.S.A. 8-2,133 generally requires an applicant for a Kansas CDL to be a resident of Kansas, and to pass a knowledge and skills test that complies with federal standards for driving a commercial motor vehicle. Under K.S.A. 8-2,133, the director of vehicles may waive the knowledge and skills test for an applicant who provides evidence of military commercial vehicle driving experience.

HB 2679 would amend K.S.A. 8-2,133 to authorize the director of vehicles to additionally waive the knowledge and skills test for applicants who provide evidence that they qualify for a waiver under the military even exchange program. The military even exchange program allows a military member to exchange a military license for a CDL if they have a certain occupational specialty or classification from their military service and qualify for the military skills test waiver.

The bill becomes effective upon publication in the statute book.