number, “FMCSA–2015–0394” in the “Keyword” box, and click “Search.” When the new screen appears, click on “Comment Now!” button and type your comment into the text box in the following screen. Choose whether you are submitting your comment as an individual or on behalf of a third party and then submit. If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit comments by mail and would like to know that they reached the facility, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period and may grant or not grant this application based on your comments.

Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to www.regulations.gov and insert the docket number, “FMCSA–2015–0394” in the “Keyword” box and click “Search.” Next, click “Open Docket Folder” button and choose the document listed to review. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may view the docket online by visiting the Docket Management Facility in Room W12–140 on the ground floor of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31138(e) and 31315 to grant exemptions from the FMCSRs. FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the Federal Register (49 CFR 381.315(a)). The Agency must provide the public an opportunity to inspect the information relevant to the application, including any safety analyses that have been conducted, and must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the safety analyses and the public comments, and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by the current regulation (49 CFR 381.305).

The decision of the Agency must be published in the Federal Register (49 CFR 381.315(b)) with the reason for the grant or denial, and, if granted, the specific persons or classes of persons receiving the exemption, and the regulatory provision or provisions from which exemption is granted. The notice must also specify the effective period of the exemption (up to 2 years), and explain the terms and conditions of the exemption. The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

III. Background

The Commercial Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986 (CMVSA) was designed to improve highway safety by ensuring that truck and bus drivers are qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle (CMV). CMVSA mandated that the Federal government establish minimum requirements for issuance of a commercial driver’s license (CDL) to be issued by the States. It provided for removal of driving privileges from unsafe and unqualified drivers. The CMVSA also mandated the creation of the Commercial Driver’s Licensing Information System (CDLIS), a cooperative exchange of the 50 States and the District of Columbia. CDLIS documents the issuance of a CDL by a State and all subsequent actions by a State driver licensing agency (SDLA) relative to that CDL, such as suspension, downgrade or removal of all driving privileges. Thus, each CDL driver has a relative to that CDL, such as suspension, downgrade or removal of all driving privileges. Therefore, if a CDL driver is medically qualified to operate a CMV (49 CFR 383.73(b)(5)). Motor carriers must obtain the revised MVR of its drivers from the State of licensure within 15 days of the date of a medical examination and retain it in the driver’s qualification file (49 CFR 391.51(b)(7)(ii)). Some motor carriers retain third-party agents to manage this and other recordkeeping requirements. Some SDLAs will not provide revised MVRs to third-party agents.

IV. Request for Exemption

Applicant A&P retains a third-party agent to obtain revised MVRs of its CMV drivers. It has applied for exemption from the requirement of 49 CFR 391.51(b)(7)(ii) that motor carriers retain the revised MVR of its drivers from the State that licenses the driver within 15 days of the date of the medical examination. A&P has applied on behalf of all motor carriers who must obtain MVRs of their CDL drivers. A&P suggests that motor carriers be permitted to “have a copy of [the] current MVR from the third party provider and post the medical certificate has been filed” with the SDLA in lieu of the existing requirement.

A copy of A&P’s application is in the docket of this matter.

Dated: November 6, 2015.

Larry W. Minor,
Associate Administrator for Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2015–0134]

Requested Administrative Waiver of the Coastwise Trade Laws: Vessel LOCURA; Invitation for Public Comments

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As authorized by 46 U.S.C. 12121, the Secretary of Transportation, as represented by the Maritime Administration (MARAD), is authorized to grant waivers of the U.S. build requirement of the coastwise laws under certain circumstances. A request for
such a waiver has been received by MARAD. The vessel, and a brief description of the proposed service, is listed below.

DATES: Submit comments on or before December 28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to docket number MARAD–2015–0134. Written comments may be submitted by hand or by mail to the Docket Clerk, U.S. Department of Transportation, Docket Operations, M–30, West Building Ground Floor, Room W12–140, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Washington, DC 20590. You may also send comments electronically via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov. All comments will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection and copying at the above address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.T., Monday through Friday, except federal holidays. An electronic version of this document and all documents entered into this docket is available on the World Wide Web at http://www.regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel CHEYENNE is:

"Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: "Private Vessel Charters, Passengers Only."

Geographic Region: "Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska (excluding waters in Southeastern Alaska and waters north of a line between Gore Point to Cape Suckling [including the North Gulf Coast and Prince William Sound])."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2015–0132 at http://www.regulations.gov. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in §388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

Privacy Act
Anyone is able to search the electronic form of all comments received into any of our dockets by the name of the individual submitting the comment (or signing the comment, if submitted on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). You may review DOT’s complete Privacy Act Statement in the Federal Register published on April 11, 2000 (Volume 65, Number 70; Pages 19477–78).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
As described by the applicant the intended service of the vessel CHEYENNE is:

"Intended Commercial Use of Vessel: "Ocean observations, sightseeing, diving."

Geographic Region: "Washington State, California, Hawaii, Texas, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Washington DC, New York, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Puerto Rico."

The complete application is given in DOT docket MARAD–2015–0132 at http://www.regulations.gov. Interested parties may comment on the effect this action may have on U.S. vessel builders or businesses in the U.S. that use U.S.-flag vessels. If MARAD determines, in accordance with 46 U.S.C. 12121 and MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388, that the issuance of the waiver will have an unduly adverse effect on a U.S.-vessel builder or a business that uses U.S.-flag vessels in that business, a waiver will not be granted. Comments should refer to the docket number of this notice and the vessel name in order for MARAD to properly consider the comments. Comments should also state the commenter’s interest in the waiver application, and address the waiver criteria given in §388.4 of MARAD’s regulations at 46 CFR part 388.

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By Order of the Maritime Administrator.