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*Tyler Campbell*

Tyler Campbell is a 26-year-old class C license holder in Georgia. He has a history of complex partial epilepsy and has been seizure free since 2014. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since 2016. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Wyatt Chisamore*

Wyatt Chisamore is a 20-year-old class D license holder in Vermont. He has a history of nocturnal left centro-temporo-parietal epilepsy and has been seizure free since July 2017. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since January 17, 2024. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Matthew Davis*

Matthew Davis is a 32-year-old class A commercial driver's license (CDL) holder in South Carolina. He has a history of seizure disorder and has been seizure free since 2015. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since January 2015. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Jitwan Floyd*

Jitwan Floyd is a 25-year-old class D license holder in South Carolina. He has a history of generalized epilepsy and has been seizure free since 2017. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since 2019. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Ricky Loy*

Ricky Loy is a 56-year-old class A CDL holder in Florida. He has a history of generalized epilepsy and has been seizure free since 2002. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since 2021. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Matthew May*

Matthew May is a 27-year-old class D license holder in Connecticut. He has a history of focal epilepsy and has been seizure free since January 15, 2018. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since January 15, 2018. His

physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Kyle Ratliff*

Kyle Ratliff is a 34-year-old class AV CDL holder in Alabama. He has a history of simple partial epilepsy and has been seizure free since March 2016. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since March 2016. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Joseph Shojaie*

Joseph Shojaie is a 23-year-old class D license holder in South Carolina. He has a history of epilepsy and has been seizure free since June 25, 2017. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since 2017. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Mark Stroney*

Mark Stroney is a 49-year-old class A CDL holder in Missouri. He has a history of epilepsy and has been seizure free since March 2008. He takes an anti-seizure medication with the dosage and frequency remaining the same since March 2008. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

*Jacob Utphall*

Jacob Utphall is a 47-year-old class D license holder in Wisconsin. He has a history of single unprovoked seizure and has been seizure free since October 22, 2019. He has been off anti-seizure medication since 2022. His physician states that they are supportive of him receiving an exemption.

**Request for Comments**

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), FMCSA requests public comment from all interested persons on the exemption applications described in this notice. FMCSA will consider all comments received before the close of business on the closing date indicated under the **DATES** section of the notice.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0107; FMCSA-2013-0108; FMCSA-2015-0119; FMCSA-2017-0254; FMCSA-2018-0052; FMCSA-2022-0046; FMCSA-2023-0036; FMCSA-2023-0038]

**Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders**

**AGENCY:** Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 16 individuals from the requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) that interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers have "no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control a CMV." The exemptions enable these individuals who have had one or more seizures and are taking anti-seizure medication to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions were applicable on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates provided below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, FMCSA, DOT, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590-0001; (202) 366-4001; *fmcsamedical@dot.gov*. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Dockets Operations, (202) 366-9826.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Public Participation**

*A. Viewing Comments*

To view comments, go to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov). Insert the docket number (FMCSA-2013-0107, FMCSA-2013-0108, FMCSA-2015-0119, FMCSA-2017-0254, FMCSA-2018-0052, FMCSA-2022-0046, FMCSA-2023-0036, or FMCSA-2023-0038, as appropriate) in the keyword box and click "Search." Next, sort the results by "Posted (Newer-Older)," choose the first notice listed, and click "Browse Comments." If you do not have access

to the internet, you may view the docket online by visiting Dockets Operations in room W58–213 of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. To be sure someone is there to help you, please call (202) 366–9317 or (202) 366–9826 before visiting Dockets Operations.

### B. Privacy Act

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(6), DOT solicits comments from the public on the exemption request. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System), which can be reviewed under the “Department Wide System of Records Notices” link at <https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices>. The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

## II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) 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 the applicant’s safety analysis. The Agency must provide an opportunity for public comment on the request.

The Agency reviews the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted and determines whether granting the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption, pursuant to the standard set forth in 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1). The Agency must publish its decision in the **Federal Register** (49 CFR 381.315(b)). If granted, the notice will identify the regulatory provision from which the applicant will be exempt, the effective period, and all terms and conditions of the exemption (49 CFR 381.315(c)(1)). If the exemption is denied, the notice will explain the reason for the denial (49 CFR 381.315(c)(2)). The exemption may be renewed (49 CFR 381.300(b)).

## III. Background

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding seizures and loss of consciousness provides that a person is physically qualified to drive a CMV if

that person has “no established medical history or clinical diagnosis of epilepsy or any other condition which is likely to cause the loss of consciousness or any loss of ability to control” a CMV (49 CFR 391.41(b)(8)). To assist in applying this standard, FMCSA publishes guidance for medical examiners (ME) in the form of medical advisory criteria in Appendix A to 49 CFR part 391.<sup>1</sup> In 2007, FMCSA published recommendations from a Medical Expert Panel (MEP) that FMCSA tasked to review the existing seizure disorder guidelines for MEs.<sup>2</sup> The MEP performed a comprehensive, systematic literature review, including evidence available at the time. The MEP issued recommended criteria to evaluate whether an individual with a history of epilepsy, a single unprovoked seizure, or a provoked seizure should be allowed to drive a CMV.

On January 15, 2013, FMCSA began granting exemptions, on a case-by-case basis, to individual drivers from the physical qualification standard regarding seizures and loss of consciousness in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) (78 FR 3069). The Agency considers the medical advisory criteria, the 2007 MEP recommendations, any public comments received, and each individual’s medical information and driving record in deciding whether to grant the exemption.

On January 20, 2026, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 16 individuals from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (91 FR 2420). The public comment period ended on February 19, 2026, and no comments were received.

The Agency has evaluated the eligibility and determined that renewing these applicants’ exemptions would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved by complying with 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8).

## IV. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

<sup>1</sup> Appendix A to Part 391, Title 49, available at [https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix A](https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-49/part-391/appendix-Appendix%20A) to Part 391.

<sup>2</sup> “Expert Panel Recommendations, Seizure Disorders and Commercial Motor Vehicle Driver Safety,” Medical Expert Panel (Oct. 15, 2007), available at <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/sites/fmcsa.dot.gov/files/2020-04/Seizure-Disorders-MEP-Recommendations-v2-prot%2010152007.pdf>.

## V. Basis for Renewing Exemptions

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), each of the 16 applicants have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition. The 16 drivers in this notice remain in good standing with the Agency, have maintained their medical monitoring, and have not exhibited any medical issues that would compromise their ability to safely operate a CMV during the previous 2-year exemption period. In addition, the Agency has reviewed each applicant’s certified driving record from their State Driver’s Licensing Agency (SDLA). The information obtained from each applicant’s driving record provides the Agency with details regarding any moving violations or reported crash data, which demonstrates whether the driver has a safe driving history and is an indicator of future driving performance. If the driving record revealed a crash, FMCSA requested and reviewed the related police reports and other relevant documents, such as the citation and conviction information. These factors provide an adequate basis for predicting each driver’s ability to continue to safely operate a CMV in interstate commerce. Accordingly, FMCSA concludes that extending the exemption for each renewal applicant for a period of 2 years is likely to achieve a level of safety equivalent to the level of safety that would be achieved without the exemption.

## VI. Terms and Conditions

The exemptions are extended subject to the following conditions: each driver must (1) remain seizure-free, maintain a stable treatment, and report to FMCSA within 24 hours if they experience a seizure during the 2-year exemption period; (2) submit to FMCSA annual reports from their treating physicians attesting to the stability of treatment and that the driver has remained seizure-free; (3) undergo an annual medical examination by a certified medical examiner, as defined by 49 CFR 390.5T; (4) provide a copy of the annual medical certification to the employer for retention in the driver’s qualification file, or keep a copy in their driver’s qualification file if they are self-employed; (5) report to FMCSA the date, time, and location of any crashes, as defined in 49 CFR 390.5T, within 7 days of the crash; (6) report to FMCSA any citations and convictions for disqualifying offenses under 49 CFR parts 383 and 391 within 7 days of the citation and conviction; and (7) submit to FMCSA annual certified driving

records from their SDLA. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local law enforcement official. In addition, the driver must meet all the applicable commercial driver's license testing requirements.

### VII. Preemption

During the period the exemption is in effect, no State shall enforce any law or regulation that conflicts with this exemption with respect to a person operating under the exemption.

### VIII. Conclusion

Based on its evaluation of the 16 renewal exemption applications and supporting materials, and no comments received, FMCSA announces its decision to grant a 2-year exemption to each of the following drivers from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8).

As of December 5, 2025, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following 11 individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Francis Chiacchieri (MA)  
 Alan Glinsmann (KS)  
 Michelle Hughes (NC)  
 Michael Keys (PA)  
 Cecil Massey (MS)  
 Ryan McKnelly (SD)  
 Derick Pendergrass (NC)  
 James Phillips (NC)  
 Joshua Pike (ME)  
 Anthony Keith Pitzen (IA)  
 Alex Ramerth (MN)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2017–0254, FMCSA–2022–0046, FMCSA–2023–0036, or FMCSA–2023–0038. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 5, 2025, and will expire on December 5, 2027.

As of December 16, 2025, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), the following four individuals have satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers:

Christopher Bird (OH)  
 Scott DeJarnette (KY)  
 Curtis Alan Hartman (MD)  
 Wendell F. Headley (MO)

The drivers were included in docket numbers FMCSA–2013–0107, FMCSA–2015–0119, or FMCSA–2018–0052. Their exemptions were applicable as of December 16, 2025, and will expire on December 16, 2027.

As of December 23, 2025, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b), David Kestner (VA) has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the epilepsy and seizure disorders prohibition in the FMCSRs for interstate CMV drivers.

This driver was included in docket number FMCSA–2013–0108. The exemption was applicable as of December 23, 2025, and will expire on December 23, 2027.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), and FMCSA's policy of issuing medical exemptions for a 2-year period to correspond with the medical certificate, each exemption will be valid for 2 years from the effective date unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) the person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption, as set forth in the initial renewal notice (*see* 91 FR 2420) and incorporated herein; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained prior to being granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of Title 49, chapter 313 or section 31136.

**Larry W. Minor,**

*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD–2026–0859]

#### Request Notice: Use of Foreign-Built Small Passenger Vessel in United States Coastwise Trade, S/V JANA C

**AGENCY:** Maritime Administration (MARAD), U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Transportation, as represented by MARAD, is authorized to make determinations regarding the coastwise use of foreign built; certain U.S. built; and U.S. and foreign rebuilt vessels that solely carry no more than twelve passengers for hire. MARAD has received such a determination request and is publishing this notice to solicit comments to assist with determining whether the proposed use of the vessel set forth in the request would have an adverse effect on U.S. vessel builders or U.S. coastwise trade businesses that use

U.S.-built vessels in those businesses. Information about the requestor's vessel, including a description of the proposed service, is in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before June 29, 2026.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments identified by DOT Docket Number MARAD–2026–0859 by any one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* Go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Search the above DOT Docket Number and follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility is in the West Building, Ground Floor of the U.S. Department of Transportation. The Docket Management Facility location address is U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, West Building, Room W12–140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

**Note:** If you mail or hand-deliver your comments, we recommend that you include the DOT Docket Number, your name and a mailing address, an email address or a telephone number in the body of your document so that we can contact you if we have questions regarding your submission.

*Instructions:* All submissions received must include the agency name and specific DOT Docket Number. All comments received will be posted without change to the docket at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on submitting comments, or to submit comments that are confidential in nature, see the section entitled Public Participation.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia Hagerty, U.S. Department of Transportation, Maritime Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Mail Stop 2, MAR–620, Washington, DC 20590. Telephone: (202) 366–5400. Email: [smallvessels@dot.gov](mailto:smallvessels@dot.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 12121(b), the U.S. Coast Guard may issue a certificate of documentation with a coastwise trade endorsement for eligible, small passenger vessels authorized to carry no more than 12 passengers for hire if MARAD, after notice and an opportunity for public comment, determines the use of the small passenger vessel in the coastwise trade will not adversely affect United States vessel builders or the coastwise trade business of any person that employs