

Senate Bill No. 1595

CHAPTER 183

An act to amend Section 15278 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

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SB 1595, Mountjoy. Commercial vehicles: driver's license endorsement.

Existing law requires the driver of a vehicle carrying hazardous materials that is required to display a placard or marking, pursuant to a specified provision of existing law, to have a commercial driver's license and obtain an endorsement issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

This bill would exempt from that endorsement requirement any person operating a vehicle transporting asphalt or coal tar pitch at a temperature that requires the display of a marking on the vehicle and that is described and classified by the United States Department of Transportation as "elevated temperature liquid n.o.s. Division 9."

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 15278 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

15278. (a) A driver is required to obtain an endorsement issued by the department to operate any commercial motor vehicle which is any of the following:

(1) A double trailer.

(2) A passenger transportation vehicle which includes, but is not limited to, a bus, farm labor vehicle, or general public paratransit vehicle when designed, used, or maintained to carry more than 10 persons including the driver.

(3) A tank vehicle.

(4) A vehicle carrying hazardous materials which is required to display placards or markings pursuant to Section 27903 or which is hauling hazardous waste, as defined in Sections 25115 and 25117 of the Health and Safety Code, unless the driver is exempt from the endorsement requirement as provided in subdivision (b). This paragraph does not apply to either of the following:

(A) Any person operating an implement of husbandry who is not required to obtain a driver's license under this code.



(B) Any person operating a vehicle transporting asphalt or coal tar pitch at a temperature that requires the display of a marking on the vehicle pursuant to Section 27903 and that is described and classified by the United States Department of Transportation as “elevated temperature liquid n.o.s. Division 9.”

(b) This section does not apply to any person exempted pursuant to Section 25163 of the Health and Safety Code or to any person operating a vehicle in an emergency situation at the direction of a peace officer pursuant to Section 2800.

