

HR 5656

To amend title 49, United States Code, to grant the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico eligibility to issue commercial driver's licenses, and for other purposes.

Congress: 119 (2025–2027, Current)

Chamber: House

Policy Area: Transportation and Public Works

Introduced: Sep 30, 2025

Current Status: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.

Latest Action: Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit. (Dec 1, 2025)

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Sponsor

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Party: Democratic • **State:** VI • **Chamber:** House

Cosponsors (2 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred To	Sep 30, 2025
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 1, 2025

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
119 HR 8870	Related bill	May 22, 2026: Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 62 - 2.

Summary (as of Sep 30, 2025)

This bill makes the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico eligible to issue commercial driver's licenses (CDLs) under Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) standards. Under current law, only states and Washington, DC, may issue CDLs. FMCSA must work with the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico on obtaining full compliance with CDL requirements.

Following a five-year grace period, apportioned funds from the Highway Trust Fund may be withheld from the U.S. Virgin Islands or Puerto Rico for failure to comply with CDL requirements.

Actions Timeline

- **Dec 1, 2025:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
- **Sep 30, 2025:** Introduced in House
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