



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

**DIVISION OF MOTOR VEHICLES  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE**

600 New London Avenue

Cranston, RI 02920-3024

Phone: 401-462-4368

[www.dmv.ri.gov](http://www.dmv.ri.gov)

February 12, 2025

The Honorable Evan P. Shanley  
Chair, House Committee on State Government and Elections  
State House  
Providence, RI 02903

**RE: 2025 H-5231- AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES –  
RHODE ISLAND UNIFORM COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE ACT**

Dear Chair Shanley:

The Division of Motor Vehicles ("DMV") writes to express support for House Bill 5231, An Act Relating to Motor and Other Vehicles – Rhode Island Uniform Commercial Driver's License Act.

The proposed bill would provide that any trade school or education program providing instruction in the operation of commercial motor vehicles would be required to include industry-specific training in the recognition, prevention, and reporting of human trafficking.

The DMV appreciates the sponsor reintroducing the proposed bill this legislative session in a format which addresses the concerns DMV raised with last session's bill on this topic, 2024 H-8014, and fully supports the goals of the proposed bill which would educate commercial drivers in recognizing and reporting human trafficking. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has made the prevention and elimination of human trafficking one of its top priorities in recent years, and the DMV has supported that mission by providing commercial drivers with informational material on the topic provided by the group Truckers Against Trafficking.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Walter R. Craddock, Esq.  
Administrator

Cc: - The Honorable Members of the House Committee on State Government and Elections  
The Honorable Robert D. Phillips  
Nicole McCarty, Esq., Chief Legal Counsel to the Speaker of the House  
Thomas A. Verdi, Director, Department of Revenue