

he/she is self-employed. The driver must also have a copy of the exemption when driving, for presentation to a duly authorized Federal, State, or local enforcement official.

#### V. 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.

#### VI. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the 11 exemption applications, FMCSA exempts the following drivers from the epilepsy/seizure standard, 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), subject to the requirements cited above:

Kevin Beamon (NY)  
 Marvin Lavern Fender (CO)  
 Michael Charles Grant (SC)  
 Todd W. Hines (OH)  
 John A. Kangas (MI)  
 Chad Thomas Knott (MD)  
 Duane Scott Mahin (KS)  
 Cornelius L. Page (MD)  
 Curtis Joseph Palubicki (MN)  
 Daniel A. Pierstorff (WI)  
 William M. Powderly (CA)

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b)(1), each exemption is valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if the following occurs: (1) The individual fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (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 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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*Associate Administrator for Policy.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

##### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2013-0442; FMCSA-2013-0445]

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA confirms its decision to renew exemptions for two

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 renewed exemption was effective on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, (202) 366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. If you have questions regarding viewing or submitting material to the docket, contact Docket Services, telephone (202) 366-9826.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Electronic Access

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##### II. Background

On October 14, 2016, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for two 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 (81 FR 71171). The public comment period ended on November 14, 2016, and no comments were received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding epilepsy found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8) states 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.

In addition to the regulations, FMCSA has published advisory criteria to assist Medical Examiners in determining whether drivers with certain medical conditions are qualified to operate a CMV in interstate commerce. [49 CFR part 391, APPENDIX A TO PART 391—MEDICAL ADVISORY CRITERIA, section H. Epilepsy: § 391.41(b)(8), paragraphs 3, 4, and 5.]

##### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this preceding.

##### IV. Conclusion

Based upon its evaluation of the two renewal exemption applications and no comments received, FMCSA confirms its decision to exempt the following drivers from the Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), subject to the requirements cited above.

As of July 8, 2016, Michael Duprey (CT), has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (81 FR 71171). This driver was included in FMCSA-2013-0442. This exemption was effective on July 8, 2016, and will expire on July 8, 2018.

As of July 14, 2016, Ronald Blout (GA), has satisfied the renewal conditions for obtaining an exemption from the Epilepsy and Seizure Disorders prohibition in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(8), from driving CMVs in interstate commerce (81 FR 71171). This driver was included in FMCSA-2013-0445. This exemption was effective on July 14, 2016, and will expire on July 14, 2018.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315, each exemption will be valid for two

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; (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 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-6480; FMCSA-2001-11426; FMCSA-2002-11714; FMCSA-2002-12844; FMCSA-2003-16564; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-21711; FMCSA-2005-22727; FMCSA-2005-23099; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2006-24015; FMCSA-2008-0021; FMCSA-2009-0011; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2009-0321; FMCSA-2010-0050; FMCSA-2011-0142; FMCSA-2011-0299; FMCSA-2011-0366; FMCSA-2011-0379; FMCSA-2011-0380; FMCSA-2012-0039; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2014-0002; FMCSA-2014-0003; FMCSA-2014-0004]

### Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Applications; Vision

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

**ACTION:** Notice of final disposition.

**SUMMARY:** FMCSA announces its decision to renew exemptions for 131 individuals from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs) for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers. The exemptions enable these individuals to continue to operate CMVs in interstate commerce without meeting the vision requirement in one eye.

**DATES:** Each group of renewed exemptions was effective on the dates stated in the discussions below and will expire on the dates stated in the discussions below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Christine A. Hydock, Chief, Medical Programs Division, 202-366-4001, [fmcsamedical@dot.gov](mailto:fmcsamedical@dot.gov), FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday,

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#### II. Background

On December 16, 2016, FMCSA published a notice announcing its decision to renew exemptions for 131 individuals from the vision requirement in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) to operate a CMV in interstate commerce and requested comments from the public (81 FR 91239). The public comment period ended on January 17, 2017, and no comments were received.

As stated in the previous notice, FMCSA has evaluated the eligibility of these applicants and determined that renewing these exemptions would achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level that would be achieved by complying with the current regulation 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10).

The physical qualification standard for drivers regarding vision found in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(10) states that a person is physically qualified to driver a CMV if that person:

Has distant visual acuity of at least 20/40 (Snellen) in each eye without corrective lenses or visual acuity separately corrected to 20/40 (Snellen) or better with corrective lenses, distant binocular acuity of a least 20/40 (Snellen) in both eyes with or without corrective lenses, field of vision of at least 70° in the horizontal meridian in each eye, and the ability to recognize the colors of traffic signals and devices showing red, green, and amber.

### III. Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this preceding.

### VI. Conclusion

As of May 7, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 11 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (69 FR 64806; 70 FR 2705; 71 FR 6826; 71 FR 19602; 72 FR 1054; 73 FR 11989; 74 FR 26464; 74 FR 60022; 75 FR 4623; 75 FR 13653; 76 FR 49528; 76 FR 61143; 76 FR 70212; 77 FR 543; 77 FR 5874; 77 FR 17107; 77 FR 17117; 78 FR 76707; 78 FR 77782; 79 FR 1908; 79 FR 10611; 79 FR 13085; 79 FR 14331; 79 FR 14333; 79 FR 14571; 79 FR 18391; 79 FR 18392; 79 FR 22003; 79 FR 28588; 79 FR 29498):

Stephan P. Adamczyk (ME)  
Otto J. Ammer, Jr. (PA)  
Alphonso A. Barco (SC)  
Teddy S. Bioni (PA)  
Darrell Canupp (MI)  
John A. Carroll, Jr. (AL)  
James A. Champion (WA)  
Larry Chinn (WI)  
Michael Gargano (FL)  
Ronald L. Walker (FL)  
Charles G. Warshun, Jr. (NY)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket Nos. FMCSA-2003-16241; FMCSA-2007-28695; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2006-23773; FMCSA-2009-0303; FMCSA-2011-0142; FMCSA-2011-0366; FMCSA-2013-0174; FMCSA-2014-0002; FMCSA-2014-0003; FMCSA-2014-0004. Their exemptions are effective as of May 7, 2016, and will expire on May 7, 2018.

As of May 11, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, the following 10 individuals have satisfied the conditions for obtaining a renewed exemption from the vision requirements (77 FR 15184; 77 FR 27850; 79 FR 21996):

Robert L. Brauns (IA)  
Bobby R. Brooks (GA)  
Clifford W. Doran, Jr. (NC)  
Ryan C. Dugan (NY)  
Glenn C. Grimm (NJ)  
Charles J. Kennedy (OH)  
Richard A. Pucker (WI)  
John M. Riley (AL)  
Jeffery A. Sheets (AR)  
Randy L. Stevens (GA)

The drivers were included in one of the following dockets: Docket No. FMCSA-2001-0299; FMCSA-2011-0379; FMCSA-2011-0380. Their exemptions are effective as of May 11, 2016, and will expire on May 11, 2018.

As of May 12, 2016, and in accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and