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**AN ACT** **TO AMEND SECTION 59‑67‑160, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO MANDATORY PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE EXAMINATIONS MUST MEET CERTAIN FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS IN ADDITION TO STATE REQUIREMENTS, TO PROVIDE THE EXAMINATIONS MUST BE CERTIFIED BY MEDICAL EXAMINERS, AND TO DELETE EXISTING PROVISIONS REQUIRING THIS CERTIFICATION INSTEAD BE MADE BY PHYSICIANS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS, OR PHYSICIAN’S ASSISTANTS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

**Examination criteria revised**

SECTION 1. Section 59‑67‑160 of the 1976 Code, as added by Act 351 of 2006, is amended to read:

 “Section 59‑67‑160. A school bus driver shall have a physical examination that meets the requirements of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR), 49 C.F.R. 391.41, and meets the certification requirements of this section, certified by a medical examiner as defined in 49 C.F.R. 390.5, before the testing required to operate a school bus and at least every two years after that. The certification must be made on forms provided by the State Department of Education or the United States Department of Transportation. The school bus driver candidate shall provide the testing administrator with the certified physical examination before taking the school bus driver physical performance test and the commercial driver’s license skills test. The school bus driver candidate shall provide a copy of the certification to the employing school district. A school district may require additional physical examinations as the district determines to be appropriate. The State assumes no responsibility for the cost of physical examinations required by districts.”

**Time effective**

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 4th day of June, 2015.

Approved the 8th day of June, 2015.

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