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prohibits a person holding a learner's permit, CDL learner's from operating a commercial vehicle being...obviously, learning to drive. It prohibits them from transporting hazardous materials while they hold that learner's permit. Common sense there. Section 10 language prohibits the Department of Motor Vehicles from endorsing a driver to operate a commercial vehicle transporting hazardous materials unless the endorsement is issued, renewed, transferred, or reissued in conformance with the USA PATRIOT Act. Section 11, beginning on the implementation date designated by the director -- in this case, Department of Motor Vehicles' director -- an applicant for a new or renewal hazardous materials endorsement shall complete an application process--now this is new--including threat assessment, background check, fingerprints, and payment of fees, as prescribed by federal regulations. Upon receipt of the determination of threat assessment from the Transportation Security Administration, the department shall retain the application for at least one year. Threat assessment is listed...these are some of these issues they're going to be looking at: assault with intent to murder, kidnapping, rape or aggravated sexual abuse, extortion, robbery. I can provide this list. It's in 49 C.F.R. regulations here. I have it. I won't go through it all. But when a person applies for a HAZMAT endorsement on a CDL, the crux of this bill is, they shall have to be determined to be not a threat to the transportation system. And that assessment is done on these issues that I just read through some of them here. And if they are...have been convicted of...an applicant can be disqualified from holding a hazardous materials endorsement if he or she has been convicted or found guilty by reason of insanity within the past seven years, was released from prison within the past five years, or is wanted or under indictment for any of these following crimes, which I would be glad to share those with you, if you'd like. Like I said, they're serious crimes: assault with intent to murder, kidnapping, hostage taking, aggravated sexual abuse, and That's the change. The fees proposed...the state of Nebraska has contracted with a third party, an agent, to handle a lot of this. And to alleviate the fears that we'd have one testing station in Omaha, they're working with a number of county sheriffs who have agreed to take the...or at least looking at the opportunity to take the fingerprints, the two