

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §17E-1-6

## **§17E-1-6. Employer responsibilities.**

(a) Each employer shall require the applicant to provide the information specified in section five of this article.

(b) No employer may knowingly allow, permit, require or authorize a driver to drive a commercial motor vehicle during any period in which the driver:

(1) Has a driver's license suspended, revoked or canceled by a state; has lost the privilege to drive a commercial motor vehicle in a state or has been disqualified from driving a commercial motor vehicle;

(2) Has more than one driver's license at one time;

(3) The commercial motor vehicle he or she is driving or the motor carrier operation is subject to an out-of-service order;

(4) Is in violation of federal, state or local law or regulation pertaining to railroad highway grade crossings; or

(5) Is in violation of any provision of 49 C.F.R., Part § 382 related to controlled substances and alcohol use and testing.

(c) No employer may require or allow a driver to operate a commercial motor vehicle while texting.

(d) The division shall impose a civil penalty in addition to any penalty required under the provisions of section twenty-five of this article on any employer who knowingly allows, permits, requires or authorizes a driver to drive a commercial motor vehicle in violation of subdivision (3) or (4) of subsection (b) or subsection (c) of this section.

(1) If the conviction is for a violation of subdivision (3), of subsection (b) of this section, the penalty is \$2,750.

(2) If the conviction is for a violation of subdivision (4), of subsection (b) or (c) of this section, the penalty shall be no more than \$25,000.