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CDL prior to July 30, 1996, that they would be exempt as well. On the physical requirements, the federal motor carrier safety assistance funding program is in jeopardy because the highway administrations advised us that we can't grandfather drivers from other states, that they may have different standards than we have and that it just wasn't something we're able to do. So as the bill is drafted, we grandfathered in CDL drivers from other states prior to, if they had one prior to July 30 of 1996. What this amendment does is basically cut off the grandfathering for people outside of the state of Nebraska. We still keep the grandfathering for our own residents at this time who had one, who got them under our criteria and our physical standards and physical qualifications. And so this was our attempt to try to be convenient to other people from outside the state of Nebraska as they came into our state with CDLs. We couldn't do it without losing our carrier safety assistance program funding, so we are backing off from the grandfathering from those outside the state of Nebraska. We still keep those inside the state of Nebraska. And I'd be happy to answer any questions, but would urge the adoption of this amendment.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Kristensen. Senator Avery to speak to the Kristensen amendment.

SENATOR AVERY: Thank you, Mr. President. Just quickly, I stand in full support of this and would hope that the rest of you would. It's, I think it's real important. CDL drivers are under a lot of scrutiny all the time. And this provision would at least make them, those that had not had any violations, to go through the same process that we have had for other drivers. With that, thank you.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Senator Avery. Senator Janssen.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Mr. Chairman, members of the body, could I ask Senator Kristensen a question or two please? I want to ask a question there.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Senator Kristensen.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR JANSSEN: Senator Kristensen, when you say outstate drivers, does that mean the drivers within the state that go out