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Introduced by Sens. MURPHY, GRIFFO -- read twice and ordered printed,
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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to exceptions
from prohibitions on the operation of commercial vehicles on certain
state highways and parkways

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Paragraphs 9 and 22 of subdivision (a) of section 1621 of
2 the vehicle and traffic law, paragraph 9 as amended and paragraph 22 as
3 added by chapter 1008 of the laws of 1983, are amended to read as
4 follows:

5 9. Exclude trucks, commercial vehicles, tractors, tractor-trailer
6 combinations, tractor-semitrailer combinations, or tractor-trailer-semi-
7 trailer combinations from highways specified by the commissioner. Such
8 exclusion shall not be construed to prevent the delivery or pickup of
9 merchandise or other property along the highways from which such vehi-
10 cles and combinations are otherwise excluded, nor shall such exclusion
11 apply to certain commercial vehicles directly engaged in the performance
12 of a critical service business and subject to a valid work order.

13 22. Exclude trucks, commercial vehicles, tractors, tractor-trailer
14 combinations, tractor-semitrailer combinations, or tractor-trailer-semi-
15 trailer combinations in excess of any designated weight, designated
16 length, designated height, or eight feet in width, from highways or set
17 limits on hours of operation of such vehicles on particular state high-
18 ways or segments of such highways. Such exclusion shall not be construed
19 to prevent the delivery or pickup of merchandise or other property along
20 the highways from which such vehicles or combinations are otherwise
21 excluded, nor shall such exclusion apply to certain commercial vehicles
22 directly engaged in the performance of a critical service business and
23 subject to a valid work order.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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§ 2. Section 1621 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision (e) to read as follows:

(e) 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in paragraph two of this subdivision, no rule or regulation of the department of transportation or the office of parks, recreation and historic preservation shall exclude from any state highway or parkway a commercial vehicle directly engaged in the performance of a critical service business. For the purposes of this section, "critical service business" shall mean the improvement, repair or maintenance of the property or equipment of an electric corporation, gas corporation, combined electric and gas corporation, cable television company or telecommunications corporation, as those terms are defined in the public service law, a transportation corporation, as defined in the transportation corporation law, or a wireless communication service supplier, as defined in 47 USC § 332(d) as amended from time to time. The term "directly engaged" shall include transit to and from any improvement, repair or maintenance subject to a valid work order.

2. No commercial vehicle shall be subject to an exclusion as set forth in paragraph one of this subdivision unless the operation of such vehicle on a state highway or parkway meets the following terms and conditions:

(i) the vehicle is registered or leased to a valid critical service business;

(ii) the operator has in his or her possession a valid work order to conduct a critical business service;

(iii) the vehicle weighs less than ten thousand pounds;

(iv) the vehicle meets the height restrictions for any such highway or parkway;

(v) the vehicle is operating with all external running lights on and an amber revolving light located on the roof of the vehicle is engaged; and

(vi) the vehicle is subject to an approved certificate of insurance.

3. Nothing contained in this section shall be deemed to impair the ability of the governor to waive all restrictions for operation on a state highway pursuant to a declared state of emergency.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.