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Introduced by M. of A. GRAY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to establishing mandatory safety compliance requirements for companies contracting with motor carriers

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "motor carrier safety compliance requirement act."

§ 2. Legislative intent and purpose. It is the intent of the legislature to enhance the safety of transportation services in New York state by requiring companies contracting with motor carriers to verify compliance with safety regulations, maintain proper oversight, and ensure adherence to established safety practices.

§ 3. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section 160 to read as follows:

§ 160. Safety compliance requirements. 1. For the purposes of this section: (a) "contracting company" means any contract or common carrier of passengers or property by motor vehicle, as defined by section two of this chapter.

(b) "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)" means the federal agency responsible for regulating and ensuring the safety of motor carriers operating in the United States.

2. (a) Companies engaging motor carriers for transportation services shall conduct a thorough vetting process to ensure the motor carrier:

(i) Possesses a valid safety rating from the FMCSA; and

(ii) Complies with all applicable federal and state safety regulations.

(b) The vetting process shall include an assessment of the motor carrier's:

(i) Safety management controls;

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

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(ii) Driver monitoring systems (DMS); and
(iii) Fatigue management programs.
3. (a) Motor carriers shall provide prospective contracting companies with documentation of their safety policies and procedures, including but not limited to:
(i) Driver monitoring systems; and
(ii) Fatigue management policies and practices.
(b) Documentation shall include:
(i) Records of compliance with FMCSA regulations; and
(ii) Records of corrective actions taken to address any safety deficiencies.
4. Motor carriers shall submit an annual report to each contracting company, including the following:
(a) Safety ratings from the FMCSA;
(b) Records of incidents, crashes, and interventions implemented to improve safety; and
(c) An updated overview of the motor carrier's driver monitoring systems and any changes or improvements made within the reporting period.
5. (a) Companies that fail to conduct the required vetting or knowingly engage non-compliant motor carriers may be held liable for damages resulting from accidents or incidents caused by the motor carrier's unsafe practices.
(b) The department may establish penalties for contracting companies that fail to adhere to the vetting and reporting requirements, which may include fines, suspension of operating privileges, or other appropriate measures.
6. The department, in collaboration with industry stakeholders, shall develop and provide resources and training materials to assist companies in understanding the importance of motor carrier safety compliance and the vetting process required by this section.

§ 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.