STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. GIANARIS -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Veterans, Homeland Security and Military Affairs

AN ACT to amend the executive law and the general business law, in relation to directing the division of homeland security and emergency services to develop rules and regulations relating to truck rental security

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 709 of the executive law is amended by adding a new paragraph (w) to read as follows:

(w) Promulgate rules and regulations within twelve months of the effective date of this paragraph, in consultation with the department of transportation and the department of state, to ensure that:

(i) any person or organization, or any subsidiary or affiliate, including a franchise, in the business of renting trucks, vans or trailers to the public from locations in this state, be registered with the division of homeland security and emergency services;

(ii) each such person or organization maintains accurate records of any person renting a truck, van or trailer for at least two years; and

(iii) any person or organization, or any subsidiary or affiliate, including a franchise, in the business of renting trucks, vans or trailers to the public require a valid driver's license and at least one other form of identification to rent trucks, vans or trailers and require that meaningful assurances are made by the rental entity to verify the identity of any person renting a truck, van or trailer;

(iv) any person renting a truck, van or trailer may be checked against state or federal criminal databases for the purposes of screening for possible terrorists; and

(v) the division shall develop and promote best practices for the truck rental industry in this state, and work to educate persons and

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

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agencies renting trucks, vans and trailers on how to detect and report suspicious activity as defined by the division.

§ 2. Subdivision 1 of section 396-z of the general business law, as amended by chapter 109 of the laws of 2018, is amended by adding a new paragraph (m) to read as follows:

(m) "Truck rental company" means any person or organization, or any subsidiary or affiliate, including a franchisee, in the business of renting trucks, vans or trailers to the public from locations in this state.

§ 3. Subdivision 1 of section 396-z of the general business law, as amended by chapter 731 of the laws of 2006, is amended by adding a new paragraph (k) to read as follows:

(k) "Truck rental company" means any person or organization, or any subsidiary or affiliate, including a franchisee, in the business of renting trucks, vans or trailers to the public from locations in this state.

§ 4. Section 396-z of the general business law is amended by adding a new subdivision 13-b to read as follows:

13-b. For truck rental companies, the following disclosure notice shall be made on the face of the rental agreement either by stamp, label or as part of the written contract or on any other written document provided to the authorized driver at the time such driver takes possession of the vehicle, shall be set apart in boldface type and in no smaller print than ten point type:

NOTICE: BY ENTERING INTO THIS RENTAL AGREEMENT, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR NAME AND INFORMATION MAY BE CHECKED AGAINST STATE OR FEDERAL CRIMINAL DATABASES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SCREENING FOR POSSIBLE TERRORISTS.

§ 5. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law; provided that the amendment to section 396-z of the general business law made by section two of this act shall not affect the repeal of such section and shall be deemed repealed therewith, when upon such date the provisions of section three of this act shall take effect; and provided, further, that the amendment to section 396-z of the general business law made by section four of this act shall survive the repeal and reversion of such section as provided in subdivision (a) of section 4 of chapter 109 of the laws of 2018, as amended; provided further that any rules and regulations necessary to implement the provisions of this act on its effective date are authorized to be promulgated on or before such effective date.