AN ACT to amend the public health law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the biennial examinations of bus drivers employed by a motor carrier.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 3703 of the public health law is amended by adding a new subdivision 4 to read as follows:

4. EXAMINATION OF BUS DRIVERS. A REGISTERED PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT OR CERTIFIED NURSE PRACTITIONER, ACTING WITHIN HIS OR HER LAWFUL SCOPE OF PRACTICE, MAY CONDUCT EXAMINATIONS AND TESTS UNDER SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED NINE-G OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY PROVISION TO THE CONTRARY IN SUCH SUBDIVISION.

Section 2. Subdivision 1 of section 509-g of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 600 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

1. A biennial examination pursuant to regulations established by the commissioner, by a physician [or], a CERTIFIED nurse practitioner to the extent authorized by law and consistent with the written practice agreement pursuant to subdivision three of section six thousand nine hundred two of the education law, OR A REGISTERED PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT who is not the personal physician [or], nurse practitioner OR PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT of the driver. Included shall be a requirement to conduct a vision test pursuant to regulations issued by the commissioner.

Section 3. This act shall take effect immediately.