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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the education law, in relation to pre-employment and random drug and alcohol testing of bus drivers and school bus attendants

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

1 Section 1. Section 509-g of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. (a) All motor carriers shall be required to conduct pre-employment
4 and random drug and alcohol testing in accordance with the provisions
5 and requirements of Part 382 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regu-
6 lations on all drivers, as defined by section one hundred forty-two of
7 this chapter, regardless of commercial driver's license endorsement.
8 Every such driver shall be included in the random testing pool from
9 which drivers are randomly selected for testing, and every such driver
10 shall submit to such testing when selected, as required in Part 382 of
11 Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations. For the purposes of this
12 section "motor carriers" shall mean a school or municipality that trans-
13 ports children to and from school or any person, corporation or entity
14 in contract with a municipality or school district for the purposes of
15 transporting children to and from school.

16 (b) (i) Failure of a pre-employment or random drug and alcohol test by
17 a driver shall be reported to the commissioner of motor vehicles by the
18 motor carrier immediately upon notification of failure;

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

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1 (ii) The driver shall be disqualified from operating a school bus for
2 the period of one year pursuant to paragraph (h) of subdivision one and
3 paragraph (i) of subdivision two of section five hundred nine-cc of this
4 article.

5 (iii) Drug testing administered pursuant to this section shall, at a
6 minimum, be in conformance with drug testing procedures as set forth in
7 Part 382 of Title 49 of the code of federal regulations.

8 § 2. Section 509-1 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-
9 ter 675 of the laws of 1985, is amended to read as follows:

10 § 509-1. Drugs, controlled [~~substance~~] substances and intoxicating
11 liquor. 1. No person shall:

12 (a) consume a drug, controlled substance or an intoxicating liquor,
13 regardless of its alcoholic content, or be under the influence of an
14 intoxicating liquor or drug, within six hours before going on duty or
15 operating, or having physical control of a bus, or

16 (b) consume a drug, controlled substance or an intoxicating liquor,
17 regardless of its alcoholic content while on duty, or operating, or in
18 physical control of a bus, or

19 (c) possess a drug, controlled substance or an intoxicating liquor,
20 regardless of its alcoholic content while on duty, operating or in phys-
21 ical control of a bus. However, this paragraph does not apply to
22 possession of a drug, controlled substance or an intoxicating liquor
23 which is transported as part of a shipment or personal effects of a
24 passenger or to alcoholic beverages which are in sealed containers.

25 2. No motor carrier shall require or permit a driver to:

26 (a) violate any provision of subdivision one of this section; or

27 (b) be on duty or operate a bus if, by such person's general appear-
28 ance or by such person's conduct or by other substantiating evidence,
29 such person appears to have consumed a drug, controlled substance or an
30 intoxicating liquor within the preceding six hours, or eight hours when
31 such driver operates a school bus as defined by section one hundred
32 forty-two of this chapter.

33 § 3. Subparagraph 6 of paragraph e of subdivision 1 of section 3623-a
34 of the education law, as added by chapter 474 of the laws of 1996, is
35 amended to read as follows:

36 (6) costs incurred by the employer for qualifying criminal history,
37 drivers license, or other required testing attributable to special
38 requirements for drivers of school buses pursuant to state or federal
39 law including pre-employment and random drug and alcohol testing as
40 required under subdivision six of section five hundred nine-g of the
41 vehicle and traffic law;

42 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
43 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of
44 motor vehicles may add, amend, or repeal any rule or regulation neces-
45 sary to timely implement the provisions of this act on its effective
46 date.