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AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to establishing a commercial driver's license (CDL) class A young adult licensing pilot program

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

1 Section 1. Section 14 of the transportation law is amended by adding a
2 new subdivision 36 to read as follows:

3 36. (a) To promulgate, in consultation with the department of motor
4 vehicles, rules and regulations to establish and implement a commercial
5 driver's license (CDL) class A young adult licensing program.

6 (i) Such rules and regulations shall be no less protective of public
7 safety than the rules and regulations promulgated by the federal govern-
8 ment with respect to the training of entry-level commercial motor vehi-
9 cle operators. The regulations shall set forth the criteria to be
10 included in the training program and shall be no less than the entry-
11 level driver training requirements prescribed by the United States
12 secretary of transportation under Appendices A, C, D and E to section
13 380 of title 49 of the United States code as amended from time to time.

14 (ii) Such rules and regulations shall include no less than three
15 hundred hours of behind-the-wheel training with an experienced driver
16 upon completion of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph.

17 (b) For purposes of this subdivision, the following terms shall have
18 the following meanings:

19 (i) "young adult" shall mean an individual who ranges in age from
20 eighteen to twenty years old;

21 (ii) "experienced driver" shall mean an individual who (A) is not less
22 than twenty-one years of age, (B) has held a commercial driver's license
23 for at least a two-year period, (C) has had no preventable accidents
24 reportable to the United States secretary of transportation or pointed

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

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1 moving violations for at least a one-year period, and (D) has a minimum
2 of one year of experience driving a commercial vehicle in commerce.

3 (c) Such pilot program shall provide qualified young adult drivers
4 with a CDL class A driver's license.

5 (d) Such pilot program shall commence on June first, two thousand
6 twenty-one.

7 (e) The commissioner shall provide the governor, the temporary presi-
8 dent of the senate, and the speaker of the assembly with a report on
9 such pilot program on June first, two thousand twenty-four. Such report
10 shall include:

11 (i) the number of qualified drivers licensed under such pilot program;

12 (ii) any safety concerns that occurred including, but not limited to,
13 traffic violations and accidents; and

14 (iii) any additional information the commissioner deems relevant.

15 § 2. This act shall be deemed repealed if any federal agency or any
16 court of competent jurisdiction determines that this act would render
17 New York state ineligible for the receipt of federal funds.

18 § 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph,
19 section or part of this act be adjudged by any court of competent juris-
20 diction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invali-
21 date the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to
22 the clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph, section or part thereof
23 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have
24 been rendered.

25 § 4. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the commis-
26 sioner of transportation shall notify the legislative bill drafting
27 commission upon the occurrence of the repeal of this act provided for in
28 section two of this act in order that the commission may maintain an
29 accurate and timely effective data base of the official text of the laws
30 of the state of New York in furtherance of effectuating the provisions
31 of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the public
32 officers law.