STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. SEPULVEDA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Labor

AN ACT establishing a commission to examine the impact of autonomous tractor trailer technology on the jobs of truck drivers and diesel mechanics; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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 "Save our Jobs act of 2021".

§ 2. 1. Establishment. The labor department shall establish a commission to be known as the "tractor trailer operator and diesel mechanic retraining and employment commission". Such commission shall review the impact of the proliferation of autonomous tractor trailers on current tractor trailer operators and the proliferation of alternative fuel tractor trailers on diesel mechanic labor force.

2. Membership. Such commission shall consist of fifteen individuals, which shall be appointed as follows:

a. seven members shall be appointed by the governor;

b. three members shall be appointed by the senate majority leader;

c. one member shall be appointed by the senate minority leader;

d. three members shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly; and

e. one member shall be appointed by the assembly minority leader.

3. Reports. a. The commission must report to the governor and the legislature their findings on how autonomous tractor trailer technologies will impact the current workforce of truck drivers and diesel mechanics no later than February 15, 2022. This report shall include, but shall not be limited to, calculations of:

i. the loss of income to tractor trailer operators and diesel mechanics;

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

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ii. the impact of such losses to linked companies that provide services and equipment to tractor trailer operators and diesel mechanics;

iii. the impact of such losses on the NYS unemployment insurance program; and

iv. social and health care costs created by the dislocation of these workers from their current high paying jobs.

b. The commission shall put forward a list of recommendations and submit the same to the governor and legislature no later than February 15, 2022. This list shall include, but not be limited to, recommendations regarding:

i. which steps the New York state government should take to address the loss of these high paying jobs as the technology proliferates;

ii. what steps state agencies should take to provide job training and retraining opportunities for the affected workforce;

iii. which financial resources need to be made available to assist the affected workforce in furthering their education, job retraining and job placement; and

iv. options to be developed or expanded to assist the affected workforce with accessing health insurance once they have lost their well-paying jobs.

c. Upon submission of such reports to the governor and legislature, the commission shall be dissolved.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed one year after such date.