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Introduced by M. of A. LEVENBERG, SHIMSKY, BURDICK, L. ROSENTHAL, TAYLOR, DICKENS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to requiring the department of transportation to establish a central registry of reports, audits, plans and public inspections for freight trains and freight rail lines

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

Section 1. Section 14 of the transportation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 37 to read as follows:

37. To establish a publicly available central registry of all reports, audits, plans and public inspections regarding freight rail operators, freight rail cars and train sets, freight lines or routes, and freight railroad corporation rights of way. Such reports shall include, without limitation, daily inspection reports, safety plans, track inspection reports, bridge and tunnel inspection reports, safety incident reports, and annual bridge and tunnel certifications by such railroad corporations. The commissioner or her or his designee shall maintain and regularly update such registry. Provided, further, that the commissioner or her or his designee may redact any records or portions thereof that are specifically exempted from disclosure by state or federal statute or regulation.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.

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

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