STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

May 18, 2026

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to establishing a program to conduct annual audits of commercial driver's license records maintained by the department of motor vehicles

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

Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that accurate and reliable commercial driver's license records are essential to public safety, regulatory compliance, and the integrity of the state's licensing system. Annual auditing of commercial driver's license records helps ensure that only qualified drivers are authorized to operate commercial motor vehicles and that records are complete, current, and free from fraud or administrative error.

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 506-a to read as follows:

§ 506-a. Annual CDL audits. 1. Establishment and implementation. The commissioner shall establish and implement a program to conduct annual audits of all commercial driver's license records maintained by the department. The commissioner shall commence the first of such annual audits no later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of this section.

2. Scope of audit. Such audits shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) verification of identity documentation consistent with state and federal requirements;

(b) cross-checking records for duplication, inconsistency, or evidence of fraud;

(c) review of compliance with applicable federal regulations governing commercial driver's licensing; and

(d) confirmation that all required medical certifications, endorsements, and disqualifications are properly recorded and current.

3. Action on discrepancy. Where the department determines that required underlying documentation has expired or is no longer valid for a CDL licensee:

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

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(a) the department shall provide written notice to such licensee, including the basis for such determination and instructions to cure the deficiency;

(b) such licensee shall be provided a reasonable period, not less than thirty days, to present valid documentation or contest such determination; and

(c) if such deficiency is not cured within the prescribed period, the commissioner shall revoke, suspend, or downgrade such licensee's license in accordance with sections five hundred ten-a and five hundred ten-aa of this title.

4. Due process. Any suspension or revocation under this section shall be subject to notice and an opportunity to contest the department's findings in accordance with section five hundred ten of this title.

5. Data sharing and compliance. The department may enter into agreements with appropriate federal and state agencies to verify documentation status, consistent with federal law and privacy protections.

6. Reporting. The commissioner shall submit an annual report to the governor and the legislature no later than one year after the commencement of the audit program under this section, summarizing audit activities, the number of discrepancies identified, actions taken, and recommendations for improving compliance.

§ 3. This act shall take effect immediately.