

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:

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

8 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
9 506-a to read as follows:

10 § 506-a. Annual CDL audits. 1. Establishment and implementation. The
11 commissioner shall establish and implement a program to conduct annual
12 audits of all commercial driver's license records maintained by the
13 department. The commissioner shall commence the first of such annual
14 audits no later than one hundred eighty days after the effective date of
15 this section.

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

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

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

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

23 (d) confirmation that all required medical certifications, endorse-
24 ments, and disqualifications are properly recorded and current.

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26 required underlying documentation has expired or is no longer valid for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

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

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

4 (b) such licensee shall be provided a reasonable period, not less than
5 thirty days, to present valid documentation or contest such determi-
6 nation; and

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

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

14 5. Data sharing and compliance. The department may enter into agree-
15 ments with appropriate federal and state agencies to verify documenta-
16 tion status, consistent with federal law and privacy protections.

17 6. Reporting. The commissioner shall submit an annual report to the
18 governor and the legislature no later than one year after the commence-
19 ment of the audit program under this section, summarizing audit activ-
20 ities, the number of discrepancies identified, actions taken, and recom-
21 mendations for improving compliance.

22 § 3. This act shall take effect immediately.