

STATE OF NEW YORK

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2025-2026 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

January 10, 2025

Introduced by Sen. LANZA -- 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 the registered weight of tow trucks

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

1 Section 1. Section 401-b of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by
2 chapter 552 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

3 § 401-b. Registration of tow trucks. Every motor vehicle engaged in
4 commercial towing in this state shall be registered and identified as a
5 tow truck, as hereinafter provided. No motor vehicle shall be registered
6 as a tow truck unless it shall have a gross vehicle weight rating of at
7 least [~~eighty-six-hundred~~ ten thousand pounds and the application for
8 such registration is accompanied by proof of financial security which
9 shall meet the requirements of article six of this chapter. Upon
10 payment of the fees set forth in schedule H of subdivision seven of
11 section four hundred one of this article, such a motor vehicle shall be
12 issued a license plate identifying it as a "tow truck". It shall consti-
13 tute a class A misdemeanor to engage in commercial towing with a tow
14 truck that is not registered pursuant to this section.

15 § 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
16 it shall have become a law.

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

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