

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

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

AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to establishing mandatory safety compliance requirements for companies contracting with motor carriers

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

1 Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as
2 the "motor carrier safety compliance requirement act."

3 § 2. Legislative intent and purpose. It is the intent of the legisla-
4 ture to enhance the safety of transportation services in New York state
5 by requiring companies contracting with motor carriers to verify compli-
6 ance with safety regulations, maintain proper oversight, and ensure
7 adherence to established safety practices.

8 § 3. The transportation law is amended by adding a new section 160 to
9 read as follows:

10 § 160. Safety compliance requirements. 1. For the purposes of this
11 section: (a) "contracting company" means any contract or common carrier
12 of passengers or property by motor vehicle, as defined by section two of
13 this chapter.

14 (b) "Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA)" means the
15 federal agency responsible for regulating and ensuring the safety of
16 motor carriers operating in the United States.

17 2. (a) Companies engaging motor carriers for transportation services
18 shall conduct a thorough vetting process to ensure the motor carrier:

19 (i) Possesses a valid safety rating from the FMCSA; and

20 (ii) Complies with all applicable federal and state safety regu-
21 lations.

22 (b) The vetting process shall include an assessment of the motor
23 carrier's:

24 (i) Safety management controls;

25 (ii) Driver monitoring systems (DMS); and

26 (iii) Fatigue management programs.

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

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1 3. (a) Motor carriers shall provide prospective contracting companies
2 with documentation of their safety policies and procedures, including
3 but not limited to:

- 4 (i) Driver monitoring systems; and
5 (ii) Fatigue management policies and practices.

6 (b) Documentation shall include:

- 7 (i) Records of compliance with FMCSA regulations; and
8 (ii) Records of corrective actions taken to address any safety defi-
9 ciencies.

10 4. Motor carriers shall submit an annual report to each contracting
11 company, including the following:

- 12 (a) Safety ratings from the FMCSA;
13 (b) Records of incidents, crashes, and interventions implemented to
14 improve safety; and
15 (c) An updated overview of the motor carrier's driver monitoring
16 systems and any changes or improvements made within the reporting peri-
17 od.

18 5. (a) Companies that fail to conduct the required vetting or knowing-
19 ly engage non-compliant motor carriers may be held liable for damages
20 resulting from accidents or incidents caused by the motor carrier's
21 unsafe practices.

22 (b) The department may establish penalties for contracting companies
23 that fail to adhere to the vetting and reporting requirements, which may
24 include fines, suspension of operating privileges, or other appropriate
25 measures.

26 6. The department, in collaboration with industry stakeholders, shall
27 develop and provide resources and training materials to assist companies
28 in understanding the importance of motor carrier safety compliance and
29 the vetting process required by this section.

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