§ 509-m. Duties of the department. The department of motor vehicles shall:

1. At least once every three years, review the bus driver files of each motor carrier, provided, however, that the commissioner may review such bus driver files at his discretion at any other time during regular business hours. Provided, however, that the commissioner shall review at least annually the bus driver files of each driver employed by a motor carrier who operates an altered motor vehicle commonly referred to as a "stretch limousine" designed to carry nine or more passengers including the driver pursuant to operating authority issued by the commissioner of transportation, and annually verify whether each such driver holds a valid driver's license valid for the operation of such altered motor vehicle.

2. Establish regulations and forms for the orderly administration of and compliance with this article. Regulations shall also be established which are necessary for implementation of the process for appeal pursuant to subdivision two of section five hundred nine-d of this article.

3. Provide each motor carrier with notice whenever one of the drivers of such motor carrier has received revocation or suspension of a driver's license, learner's permit or privilege to operate.

4. Provide a motor carrier who has complied with the requirements of subdivision four of section five hundred nine-i of this article with information on any employee of the motor carrier regarding a conviction for a violation of this chapter.

5. Upon receipt of the criminal history record report of a school bus driver, notify the motor carrier of disqualification of an applicant or school bus driver which would or could disqualify such driver under the provisions of section five hundred nine-cc of this article. Notification to the carrier shall be without specification of the grounds for disqualification, those grounds to be made available only to the school bus driver or his or her representative.

6. In order to effectuate the provisions of this article, establish procedures, by regulation, to conduct curbside verification of bus driver and motor carrier identity to determine whether or not such motor carrier has notified the commissioner of the bus driver's employment as required by subdivision four of section five hundred nine-d of this article and whether or not such motor carrier has compiled with the provisions of this article and with any regulations promulgated thereunder; provided, however, such verifications shall be conducted so as not to disrupt the flow of traffic or endanger public safety.

7. The commissioner shall prepare and distribute a form for the provision of objective data concerning the driving history of a bus driver who is subject to regulation under this article. Such form shall be completed by current or former employers of such bus drivers upon the request of a prospective or subsequent employer.

8. Maintain and annually update its website to provide information with regard to each motor carrier that operates altered motor vehicles commonly referred to as "stretch limousines" designed to carry nine or more passengers including the driver pursuant to operating authority issued by the commissioner of transportation that includes the motor carrier's name, location and region of operation including place of address, whether such motor carrier is in compliance with this article as required by section five hundred nine-j of this article in relation to the operation of such altered motor vehicles, the number and nature of violations of this article resulting in convictions of such motor carrier in relation to the operation of such altered motor vehicles, the number of miles traveled by such altered motor vehicles operated by such motor carrier in the preceding twelve months, and, with respect to drivers employed by such motor carrier operating such altered motor vehicles, the total number so employed, the number holding valid licenses which are valid for the operation of such altered motor vehicles, the number which lack licenses valid for such operation, the number disqualified from operating such altered motor vehicles, the number of convictions and accidents involving any such driver employed by such motor carrier during the preceding twelve months, and the number

of convictions and accidents per ten thousand miles traveled.

9. In coordination with the commissioner of transportation and the superintendent of state police, establish and regularly update the form and content of a pre-trip safety briefing for motor carriers that operate altered motor vehicles commonly referred to as "stretch limousines", designed to carry nine or more passengers including the driver pursuant to operating authority issued by the commissioner of transportation, which motor carriers shall provide to passengers prior to transporting such passengers for hire in such stretch limousines.