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Introduced by M. of A. GRAY -- read once and referred 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;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is
new; matter in brackets

[-] is old law to be omitted.

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

2 (iii) Fatigue management programs.

3 3. (a) Motor carriers shall provide prospective
contracting companies

4 with documentation of their safety policies and
5 procedures, including
6 but not limited to:
7 (i) Driver monitoring systems; and
8 (ii) Fatigue management policies and practices.
9 (b) Documentation shall include:
10 (i) Records of compliance with FMCSA regulations;
11 and
12 (ii) Records of corrective actions taken to
13 address any safety defi-
14 ciencies.
15 4. Motor carriers shall submit an annual report
16 to each contracting
17 company, including the following:
18 (a) Safety ratings from the FMCSA;
19 (b) Records of incidents, crashes, and
20 interventions implemented to
21 improve safety; and
22 (c) An updated overview of the motor
23 carrier's driver monitoring
24 systems and any changes or improvements made
25 within the reporting peri-
26 od.
27 5. (a) Companies that fail to conduct the
28 required vetting or knowing-
29 ly engage non-compliant motor carriers may be held
30 liable for damages
31 resulting from accidents or incidents caused
32 by the motor carrier's
33 unsafe practices.
34 (b) The department may establish penalties for
35 contracting companies
36 that fail to adhere to the vetting and reporting
37 requirements, which may
38 include fines, suspension of operating privileges,
39 or other appropriate
40 measures.
41 6. The department, in collaboration with industry
42 stakeholders, shall
43 develop and provide resources and training
44 materials to assist companies
45 in understanding the importance of motor carrier
46 safety compliance and
47 the vetting process required by this section.

32 § 4. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth
day after it shall

33 have become a law. Effective immediately, the
addition, amendment and/or

34 repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for
the implementation of

35 this act on its effective date are authorized to be
made and completed

36 on or before such effective date.