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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: New "School Bus Only" Restriction for Commercial Driver License (CDL) Holders

DMV is implementing the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) exemption of certain pre-trip vehicle inspection skills test requirements for CDL applicants who only intend to operate a school bus in intrastate transit. This exemption takes effect beginning January 10, 2024.

DMV has created a new restriction for these drivers that will appear on the license document and temporary license document as "S1".

Drivers with the "S1" restriction are permitted to operate a school bus in intrastate transit and may not operate any other commercial motor vehicle. Drivers with the "S1" restriction are also required to have the "K" Intrastate Only restriction.

More information about the FMCSA exemption can be found on DMV's website at <https://dmv.ny.gov/commercial-drivers/school-bus-only-restriction>.

Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Commissioner