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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Chapter 138 of the Laws of 2011 - Convex Mirrors

Effective January 14, 2012, Chapter 138 of the Laws of 2011 adds a new subdivision 10-e to Section 375 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law to provide that every truck, tractor and tractor-trailer or semitrailer combination registered in this state with a gross vehicle weight rating of 26,000 pounds or more must have a convex mirror on the front when operated in New York City.

A copy of Chapter 138 is attached for your reference. Please share this information with appropriate staff. Thank you.

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Attachment

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 10, 2011

Introduced by M. of A. MILLMAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to convex mirrors

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

- 1 Section 1. Section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 10-e to read as follows:
3 **10-e. Every truck, tractor, and tractor-trailer or semitrailer combination**
4 **registered in this state having a gross vehicle weight rating of**
5 **twenty-six thousand pounds or more, and a conventional cab configuration**
6 **in which more than half of the engine length is forward of the foremost**
7 **point of the windshield base and the steering wheel hub is in the**
8 **forward quarter of the vehicle length, whenever operated within a city**
9 **having a population of one million or more on highways other than**
10 **controlled-access highways, shall be equipped with a convex mirror on**
11 **the front of such vehicle or combination of vehicles. When such vehicle**
12 **or combination of vehicles is being operated, such mirror shall be**
13 **adjusted so as to enable the operator thereof to see all points on an**
14 **imaginary horizontal line which: (a) is three feet above the road, (b)**
15 **is one foot directly forward from the midpoint of the front of such**
16 **motor vehicle, and (c) extends the full width of the front of such vehi-**
17 **cle or combination of vehicles. Provided, however, the commissioner, in**
18 **consultation with the commissioner of transportation, may promulgate**
19 **rules and regulations exempting from the requirements of this subdivi-**
20 **sion any vehicle or combination of vehicles where such commissioner has**
21 **determined that the use of such convex mirrors would not increase the**
22 **visibility of persons or objects located directly in front of such vehi-**
23 **cle or combination of vehicles.**

1 § 2. This act shall be deemed repealed if any federal agency or any
2 court of competent jurisdiction finally determines that this act would
3 render New York state ineligible for the receipt of federal funds.

4 § 3. Severability. If any clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph,
5 section or part of this act be adjudged by any court of competent juris-
6 diction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invali-
7 date the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to
8 the clause, sentence, subdivision, paragraph, section or part thereof
9 directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have
10 been rendered.

11 § 4. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after
12 it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediate-
13 ly, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
14 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is
15 authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date;
16 and provided that the commissioner of the department of transportation
17 shall notify the legislative bill drafting commission upon the occur-
18 rence of the provisions of section two of this act in order that the
19 commission may maintain an accurate data base of the official text of
20 the laws of the state of New York in furtherance of effecting the
21 provisions of section 44 of the legislative law and section 70-b of the
22 public officers law.

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

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