

New law requires for-hire persons and entities who are in the business of transporting railroad employees back and forth from their employment to file proof of financial responsibility with the office of motor vehicles of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections.

New law further requires that for-hire persons and entities who are in the business of using vehicles designed to carry 15 or fewer persons to transport railroad employees maintain and be able to show verification of hit and run, uninsured, and underinsured motor vehicle coverage in a total amount of not less than \$500,000 per passenger.

New law requires the office of motor vehicles to send a Notice of Violation to the owner within 30 days of failure to comply with new law.

New law provides that the office of motor vehicles may suspend the registration of a vehicle that is used as a carrier when the owner does not comply with new law.

New law provides that, as long as the owner and driver of the vehicle are not the same person, the driver shall not be responsible for the owner's violations of new law.

New law does not apply to any railroad company using vehicles owned by the railroad company and operated by railroad employees to transport railroad employees in the course of their employment.

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