Trucking Association of New York
Information Sheet

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TAT – Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention

Human trafficking is a hidden crime that occurs in every region of our state and across the nation. Professional drivers, the hard-working men and women who move New York's economy every day, are uniquely positioned to identify warning signs and intervene in ways that save lives. At any given moment, there are more commercial drivers on America's roadways than law enforcement officers; our industry's reach and awareness are critical tools in the fight against trafficking.

Building on successful training models adopted in other jurisdictions, S2399-A/A3485-A introduced by **Senator Roxanne J. Persaud (NY-19, Brooklyn) and Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas (NY-34, Queens)** would require human trafficking awareness training, developed in partnership with TAT (previously Truckers Against Trafficking), to be incorporated into the process for obtaining a Commercial Driver License (CDL) in New York. Equipping drivers with the knowledge to recognize, prevent, and safely report suspected trafficking strengthens statewide prevention efforts, supports law enforcement, and reinforces the trucking industry's role in protecting vulnerable individuals.

KEY ISSUES

1. **Human Trafficking Intersects with Transportation Corridors**
2. **Lack of Standardized Training**
3. **Early Education for Drivers**
4. **Ongoing Curriculum Updates**
5. **Industry partnership with Anti-Trafficking Organizations**

ISSUE STATUS

Fifteen other states have adopted similar human trafficking awareness training requirements for CDL programs. These measures have proven to be effective prevention tools and have enhanced collaboration between transportation professionals and law enforcement.

In New York, Senator Roxanne J. Persaud and Assemblymember Jessica Gonzalez-Rojas have advanced S2399-A/A3485-A to incorporate TAT-aligned training into CDL licensing requirements. The legislation imposes no new costs on training providers, requires no additional instructor certification, and aligns seamlessly with federal ELDT standards.

Momentum continues to grow statewide to formalize trafficking awareness training and reinforce the transportation sector's role in public safety.

TANY POSITION

TANY strongly supports of legislation requiring human trafficking recognition, prevention, and reporting training as part of CDL licensure in New York.
Ensuring that every newly licensed commercial driver receives TAT-aligned awareness training:

- Enhances public safety
- Supports law enforcement efforts
- Leads to victim recovery and prosecution of traffickers

- Reinforces the trucking industry's leadership in protecting vulnerable individuals
- Imposes no additional cost burden on training providers

HOW YOU CAN HELP - Support Legislation



TANY urges the Legislature to advance and enact S2399-A (Persaud)/A3485-A (Gonzalez-Rojas) this session.

About TANY

Since 1932, the **Trucking Association of New York (TANY)** has advocated for the trucking industry at all levels of government, providing compliance assistance, safety programs, and educational opportunities. Our nearly 550 member companies support good jobs, economic vitality, roadway safety, and a sustainable future for New York.

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