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TO: All Enforcement Agencies and Magistrates

SUBJECT: Placing "CDL VEH" on Uniform Traffic Ticket

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is revising the uniform traffic ticket to assist law enforcement in properly identifying commercial motor vehicles (CMV) on the ticket. We are replacing "COM VEH" with "CDL VEH" (commercial driver license), in order to clarify which vehicles are considered commercial motor vehicles (CMV).

A CMV is defined in section 501-a(4)(a) of the Vehicle and Traffic Law as:

A motor vehicle or combination of vehicles designed or used to transport passengers or property:

- (i) which has a GVWR of more than twenty-six thousand pounds; or
- (ii) which has a GCWR of more than twenty-six thousand pounds, including any towed unit with a GVWR of more than ten thousand pounds; or
- (iii) designed or used to transport fifteen or more passengers, in addition to the driver; or
- (iv) defined as a bus in subdivision one of section five hundred nine-a of this chapter; or
- (v) of any size, other than a farm vehicle operated within one hundred fifty miles of the operator's farm, used in the transportation of materials found by the United States secretary of transportation to be hazardous under the hazardous materials transportation act and which requires the motor vehicle transporting such materials to be placarded under the hazardous materials regulation, 49 CFR part 172, subpart F or is transporting any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin in 42 CFR part 73.