

Sec. 14-275c-41. Driver's vehicle inspection report (DVIR)

(a) Every carrier shall require its driver or each of its drivers, whichever is applicable, to prepare and submit to the carrier a written report, on a daily basis, with respect to each school bus or STV operated by said driver or drivers. The report shall identify the vehicle and list any defects or deficiencies discovered during each driver's pre-trip and post-trip inspections or otherwise known to the driver which could affect safety of operation, safety of passengers, or result in a mechanical failure or breakdown. Before driving a vehicle, the driver shall be satisfied that the vehicle is in safe operating condition. If no such defects or deficiencies are discovered or become known, the report shall so state. The report shall be signed and dated by the driver, attesting to its completion and accuracy, and shall be signed by the carrier, through its authorized agent or employee, in acknowledgment of its receipt.

(b) The DVIR required by subsection (a) of this section shall include explicit reference to the following parts, accessories or mechanical systems:

- (1) Service brakes;
- (2) Parking brake;
- (3) Steering mechanism;
- (4) Lighting devices and reflectors;
- (5) Tires;
- (6) Horn;
- (7) Windshield wipers;
- (8) All mirrors;
- (9) Wheels and rims; and
- (10) Emergency equipment.

(c) The DVIR shall also require the driver to list and identify problems with respect to other components, systems, or aspects of vehicle on-road performance that in the judgment of the driver comprise a defect or deficiency of the type referred to in subsection (a) of this section.

(d) Whenever a DVIR submitted to the carrier indicates a defect or deficiency, the carrier shall immediately inspect or cause to be inspected the relevant component or system of the vehicle, prior to any further highway operation. If the carrier determines the DVIR to be accurate it shall proceed immediately to make the necessary repairs, adjustments or replacements. If, after inspection, the carrier is unable to confirm the existence of the defect or deficiency, it shall inform the driver. In either case the carrier shall make note of its inspection, findings and repairs, if any, on the DVIR.

(e) All DVIRs shall be retained and kept on file by the carrier for a minimum time of six (6) months. They shall be made available for inspection on request of the commissioner or any authorized representative of the department. They shall also be available for inspection at any time by any driver of the carrier. A copy of the DVIR from the previous operating day of each vehicle shall be carried in such vehicle.

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