

SB 500 - VERSION ADOPTED BY BOTH BODIES

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SENATE BILL

500

AN ACT

relative to restroom access for certain commercial motor vehicle operators.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Birdsell, Dist 19; Sen. Ricciardi, Dist 9; Sen. Fenton, Dist 10; Rep. Hill, Merr. 2; Rep. T. Walsh, Merr. 10; Rep. Labrie, Hills. 2; Rep. Leishman, Hills. 33

COMMITTEE:

Transportation

ANALYSIS

This bill requires that certain commercial drivers and drayage truck operators be provided with restroom access under defined circumstances.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.

Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Six

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

(b) “Covered restroom” means a restroom or portable chemical toilet that is located in an area that does not pose an obvious health or safety risk to a covered drayage truck operator.

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1 (c) "Terminal operator" means the business entity operating a marine terminal for
2 loading and unloading cargo to and from marine vessels, and includes the port authority if the port
3 is directly operating the marine terminal in loading and unloading cargo to and from marine vessels.

4 II. A terminal operator shall provide a sufficient number of covered restrooms for use by
5 covered drayage truck operators in areas of the terminal that such operators typically have access to,
6 by providing:

7 (a) Access to existing restrooms while covered drayage truck operators are on port
8 property and when such access does not pose an obvious safety risk to such truck operators and
9 other employees of the terminal operator in the area;

10 (b) Additional restrooms, if necessary, at locations where there is the most need; and

11 (c) A place for covered drayage truck operators to park vehicles while accessing such
12 restrooms.

13 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.