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## **Re: Type 2 Lap and Shoulder Seat Belts on School Buses**

To all School Bus Companies and Boards of Education:

I am writing to make you aware of a new law in an effort to keep our stakeholders informed of changes in required school bus equipment. On August 25, 2018, Governor Murphy signed Assembly Bill 4110 which amends the school bus seat belt law. The law now requires all school buses as defined in N.J.S.A 39:1-1, manufactured on and after March 1, 2019, be equipped with Type 2 lap and shoulder seat belts for each seating position.

As such, the Motor Vehicle Commission is in the process of amending the existing seat belt inspection regulation to include the Type 2 lap and shoulder seat belts. This equipment will be inspected for and required on all school buses manufactured on and after the above referenced date.

Please note, this law does not apply to existing school buses originally manufactured with Type 1 lap belts and Type 2 lap and shoulder seat belts, as these buses meet all the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 49 CFR 571.222, 49 CFR 571.208, 49 CFR 571.209 and 49 CFR 571.210.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Operations Bus Unit at (609) 633-9473.

Thank you,

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