

## Transportation Alert

To: MAPT members:

- 1) SOS will ***not be scheduling*** appointment ***reservations*** from ***December 22, 2020 to January 1, 2021***. They will start up, Monday, January 4, 2021.
- 2) Last minute Michigan legislation benefiting pupil transportation.
  - a. HB-4694 Public School Employees Retirement Law passed House & Senate and transmitted to Governor for signing into law. ***Not signed as of date of this report; I will let you know.***
    - i. Must be retired at least 30 days before returning
    - ii. Eliminated 36 month working restriction. Be careful. If a driver hits 36 months before governor signs bill into law, he/she is done and cannot come back!
    - iii. Retirees earn up to 1/3 of their pre-retirement wages without losing pension benefits.
    - iv. Business office reporting can be a problem. If not done correctly, drivers may lose pension benefits. Work with your business office when re-hiring retirees. I hyperlinked the following website: [Working After You Retire.](#)
  - b. SB-73 Extends CLP, CDL, & Medical Examinations expiration dates. Passed House and Senate and will be transmitted to Governor for signing into law. ***Not signed as of date of this report; I will let you know.***
    - i. Changes to Michigan Motor Vehicle Act, MCL 257.306a, part (4): ***“Notwithstanding subsection (3), a commercial learner’s permit issued under this section that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021”.***
    - ii. MCL 257.312k, part (1) (a): ***“A commercial driver license that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is valid until March 31,2021”.***
    - iii. MCL 257.312k part (1) (b): ***“Medical certification for operator’s or chauffeur’s license holders with a group designation required under 49 CFR 391.45 that expires on or after March 1, 2020 is valid until March 31, 2021.***
- 3) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration – Final rule
  - a. Summary: ***“FMSCA allows States to permit third party skills tests examiner to administer the Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) skills test to applicants whom the examiner has also provided skills training, a practice previously prohibited under FMCSA regulations. The Agency believes that allow States to permit this practice may alleviate CDL skills testing delays and reduce inconvenience and cost for third party testers and CDL applicants, without negatively impacting safety”.***
  - b. This regulation becomes effective 60 days after posting in the Federal Register. Look for changes to MI-SOS regulations by March 2021. ***I will keep everyone up to date with changes.***
  - c. This only involves original CDL skills tests. If a CDL ***re-test*** is required under the Pupil Transportation Act, MCL 257.1849, part (4) (g) ***“...test shall be***

***conducted by an examiner not employed or under contract with the same agency or school of the driver being tested”.*** Needs change in existing law.