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# **New Jersey Allows PPP Loans To Be Exempt from State Taxes**

As published in the February 9 edition of **PoliticoPro**, "New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy and State Treasurer Elizabeth Maher Muoio (announced) that the state will allow the forgivable loans small businesses received as part of a federal coronavirus relief package to be exempt from state taxes...

"Recipients of the so-called Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) will also be able to deduct business expenses that were paid for with the loans."

LANJ president **Jason Sharenow** weighs in, "We are pleased that New Jersey has now passed this legislation to coincide with the federal guidelines. The PPP system was intended to help struggling businesses, not hurt them. This will go a long way towards helping our industry."

### In Memorium: Industry's David Wilner

**David Wilner**, owner of A. Harrington Limousine Service in Edison, passed away on Thursday February 20 in Delray Beach, Fla.

A graveside service in New Jersey was held for immediate family this morning and a memorial service will be held tomorrow Wednesday February



24 for immediate family and close friends in Delray Beach. The family will receive guests in Wilner's Florida home Wednesday February 24 - Friday February 26.

A second -generation owner, Wilner joined his father Alex in business and, together, they built Wilner's Livery Service to be New Jersey's largest funeral livery. In 1974 David Wilner acquired the luxury transportation company, A. Harrington Limousine Service, which now is in its 89th year and operated by his son Jonathan.

"David Wilner was a pioneer in the livery industry, serving both the luxury car services as well as the funeral industry. Our thoughts go out to his son Jonathan as well as the entire Wilner and HLS families," said LANJ president Jason Sharenow.



### Make Sure Altered Vehicles Will Be Safe Limousines

Recently the National Limousine Association advised that "As a result of their investigation of the October 2018 stretch limousine accident in Schoharie, N.Y., the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommended that...limousine operators (be informed) of the importance of verifying the safety of altered vehicles planned for passenger transportation by ensuring that the altered vehicle passes a structural and mechanical safety inspection, obtaining from the alterer an engineer's certification that the altered vehicle meets the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards affected by the alteration, and checking that a secondary certification label is affixed to the limousine before purchase."

For full details, see **this article** published by the NTSB that is available on the National Limousine Association's website.

## FMCSA Extends COVID-19 CDL and Medical Card Waiver

As reported by the New York City-law firm Windels Marx last Friday February 19, "Because the COVID-19 pandemic means many state licensing offices are still closed or facing an extensive backlog, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety

Administration (FMCSA) is extending until May 31, 2021, its declaration allowing states to extend the validity of commercial driver licenses (CDLs) and permits that have expired since the pandemic started.

"FMCSA's order, issued on February 16, does the following:

- 1. Permits (but does not require) states to extend the validity of CDLs due for renewal on or after March 1, 2020, beyond the eight-year maximum period of validity called for under federal regulations.
- 2. Permits (but does not require) states to extend the validity of commercial learners permits (CLPs) due for renewal on or after March 1, 2020, beyond the one-year maximum set in federal regulations without requiring the CLP holders to retake the general and endorsement knowledge tests.
- 3. Permits (but does not require) states to allow CLP holders to take the CDL skills test without waiting 14 days after initial issuance of the CLP.
- 4. Waives the requirement that CDL holders, CLP holders, and non-CDL drivers have a medical examination and certification, provided they have proof of a valid medical certification and any required medical variance issued for a period of 90 days or longer that expired on or after December 1, 2020.

"This waiver is effective March 1 and expires on May 31 or until the national emergency declaration is revoked, whichever is sooner."

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