

**New York State**  
**Vehicle and Traffic Laws**

**Article 9 § 375**

**Subsection 10.e**

**Action:**

New safety provisions for NYS have been implemented. Past Governor Pataki amended Article 9 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Laws by adding the Joseph Robert Henderson Memorial Act as follows:

**Summary:**

To ensure vehicle safety is maximized, the legislation requires truck boxes/bodies between 8 and 18 feet in length, along with single unit delivery vehicles such as parcel/package trucks, to install a mirror, video or object detection device that allows the driver to see objects directly behind the vehicle.

**Vehicle and Traffic Laws of New York State**

**Article 9 - EQUIPMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES § 375 Subsection 10.e**

*“e. Every single-unit motor vehicle registered in this state, operated for commercial purposes and having a cube style or enclosed walk-in delivery bay, where such delivery bay has a length of eight feet six inches or more, but not exceeding a length of eighteen feet, shall be equipped with a cross-view back-up mirror system, rear video system, rear object detection system, or other device, which enables the driver of the vehicle to detect by means of a visual, or visual and audible warning-indicator, persons and objects located directly behind the vehicle. The commissioner is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations providing specifications for mirrors or other devices as required by this paragraph.”*

**Article 9 - EQUIPMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES AND MOTORCYCLES § 375 Subsection 10.f**

*“f. Every sani-van and motor vehicle commonly classified as a garbage truck purchased on or after January first, two thousand eight and registered in this state, which is operated in and engages in the collection of garbage or refuse in the county of Westchester shall be equipped with a rear video system, rear object detection system, or other device which enables the driver of the vehicle to detect by means of a visual, or visual and audible warning-indicator, persons and objects located directly behind the vehicle. The commissioner is hereby authorized to promulgate regulations providing specifications for mirrors or other devices as required by this paragraph.”*

**Dates:**

This shall apply to all delivery trucks manufactured after Jan. 1, 2001, and applies retroactively to all vehicles made after 1987.

**History:**

The law was named after 5-year-old Joey Henderson from the Ulster County Hamlet of Ruby who was killed on June 18, 1996, when a delivery truck backed over him in the driveway of his home. According to Kidsandcars.org nationally this year there have been 765, non traffic back over incidents, 152 of which were fatalities. Accumulating from 2001 there has been an alarming 5,497 incidents and 1,449 fatalities.



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