



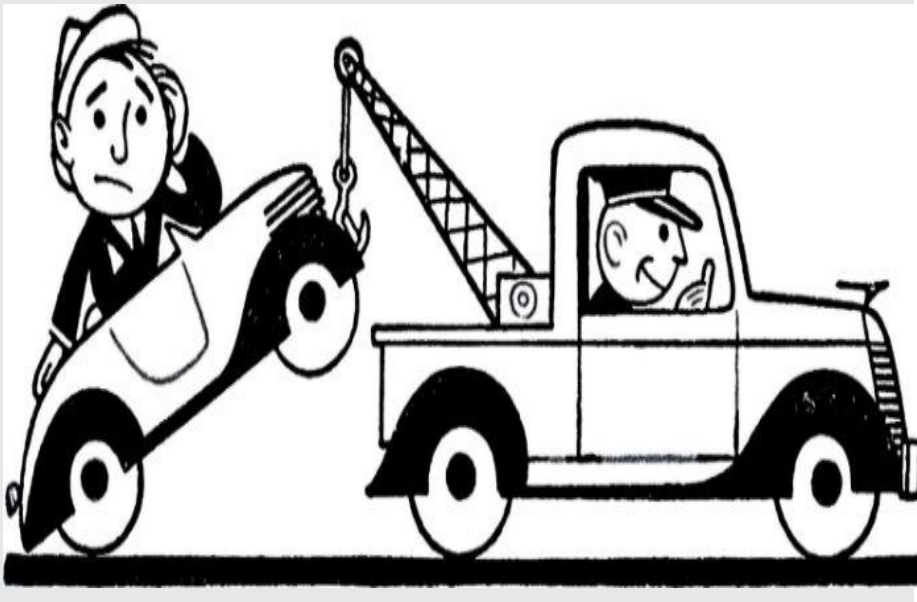
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LONG ISLAND GASOLINE RETAILERS ASSOCIATION, INC. & ALLIED TRADES



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New York State has repealed the regulation requiring competitively bid roadside assistance, contracts on the State's special parkways

Now if **YOUR CUSTOMER** needs a tow on the States Parkways, they can now call **you** or your Tow service to pick up their vehicle.

Now **you or your** tow company can bring their car to **YOUR** shop not the Tow companies repair shop.

FYI, you can now pay your LIGRA dues online. With NO FEES' for ACH payments.

If you are interested, please send an email to "CHRIS@LIGRA.COM" to set it up.

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LIGRA KEEPING YOU INFORMED.

Many of you have seen and have contacted our office over the new law that went into affect, regarding can retailers charge a fee to customers for using a credit card?

New law clarifying disclosure of credit card surcharges goes into effect in New York State

A new consumer protection law went into effect Sunday amending and clarifying New York's existing credit card surcharge law.

Now business transactions imposing a credit card surcharge must post the total price of transactions, including the surcharge, prior to the sale.

New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed the law on December 13, 2023.

Moving forward, businesses must limit credit card surcharges to the same amount charged by the credit card company.

Businesses can choose either to solely display the higher credit card price for the products or services they sell or to list both the credit card price and the lower cash price for the items.

However, businesses are not allowed to simply put up a sign saying a fee is ap-



Accident & Sickness Protector

Help ease the financial pain of an accident or illness

139 million people visited hospital emergency departments, resulting in over 14 million people being admitted into the hospital.¹

Will they have the cash to cover the costs of their visit? Would you?

In 2017, 10.4% of emergency room patients were hospitalized². Once admitted, patients' hospital expenses quickly accumulate. In fact, recently hospital costs averaged \$3,949 per day and each hospital stay cost an average of \$15,734³.

Even with health insurance, covering costs can be difficult. You can be better prepared with **Accident & Sickness Protector** from Combined Insurance. It gives you:

- **Coverage**—24/7, whenever and wherever you are.
- **Cash**—benefits are paid directly to you, not the hospital or facility where you're being treated.
- **Control**—it's your policy, separate from your employer. Move jobs? It moves with you.

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/emergency-department.htm>

2. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/whamcs/web_tables/2017_ed_web_tables-508.pdf

3. [https://www.debt.org/medical/hospital-surgery-costs/#:~:text=Total%20health%20care%20spending%20in%20an%20average%20of%20\\$2415%20734](https://www.debt.org/medical/hospital-surgery-costs/#:~:text=Total%20health%20care%20spending%20in%20an%20average%20of%20$2415%20734)

4. https://www.commonwealthfund.org/sites/default/files/2019-02/2019_biennial_survey_release_02-07-2019_FINAL.pdf



Get Well Soon. Cover Costs When?

Everyone wants a speedy recovery when injury or illness hits. But anxiety about covering costs may prevent people from seeking care. In fact, the Commonwealth Fund's Biennial Health Insurance Surveys, 2014-2018, found⁴:

- As of 2018, 28% of adults who had health insurance through their employer were under-insured and 41% of under-insured adults said they delayed needed care because of cost.
- Over 47% said they had problems with medical bills and debt.
- The underinsured are nearly 2 times as likely to report medical bill and debt problems as those who aren't under-insured.

Turn the uncertainty of paying for unplanned medical care into confidence you have help covering costs for unexpected medical bills with **Accident & Sickness Protector**.



LIGRA Keeping you informed

The DMV has informed LIGRA,
That there is a problem with **SOME, not all** of the
2000-2003
Toyota's, Honda's and Mazda's
that your IM-CLEAN is timing out and will not let
you complete
the emissions part of the inspection

It is caused by a timing issue with BARDAD certified scan tools. CARB enacted a new standard for these and changed the timing of the communication with the intent of mitigating fraud through the use of pass through devices.

If this happens, to complete the inspection you will
have to call the
DMV'S
Clean Air division
the number is
518-473-0597,
option 4



DMV NYVIP MESSAGE No. 294

DATE: November 21st, 2023

TO: NYVIP3 INSPECTION UNITS

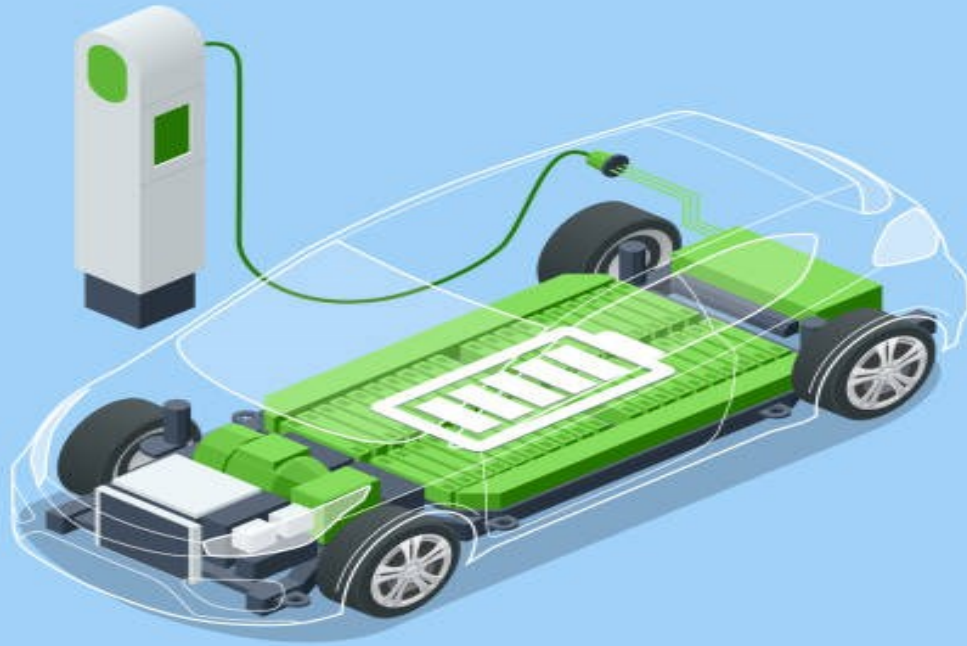
FROM: NYS DEPT. OF MOTOR VEHICLES

SUBJECT: NYVIP2 EQUIPMENT DISPOSAL INFORMATION

*****PLEASE BRING THIS MESSAGE TO THE ATTENTION OF STATION OWNER AND/OR
MANAGER*****

NYVIP2 Equipment Disposal. The equipment belongs to you and can be disposed of (recycled) or reused elsewhere as you like. However, other than the storage cabinet, NYVIP2 equipment CANNOT be used in connection with the NYVIP3 program. The current (CVIS) NYVIP2 electronic components contain hazardous elements and compounds, including lead, mercury, and cadmium, which can be toxic if released into the environment. Electronic waste CANNOT be thrown out in your garbage. Electronic waste is often hazardous waste. When it is properly recycled, most electronic waste is exempt from hazardous waste regulation. Regulations for handling of electronic waste are available from your local government and can be found at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/>

10 www.Ligra.com [chemical/8788.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8788.html).



The DMV is looking for Information from the LIGRA Members.

I received this message from the Deputy Commissioner of the DMV.

Can put some thought into how EV batteries should (or should not) be inspected from a safety perspective. We (the DMV) are looking into the issues ourselves and doing some research. Its something I am interested to hear your take on.

The DMV is looking for our input.

Do you have Idea or concerns on this EV Battery as part of the safety inspection program?

If by Friday you could please email me any of your thoughts on this issue

TYPES OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES



*BEVs are the most environmental

The recently released NYS Budget for 2024-25 includes a provision for small retail businesses to help them deal with the rise in theft and crime throughout New York State. Should this pass in the final budget due by April 1st of this year, it would allow LIGRA members who qualify to apply for the new tax credit as explained below:

Establish the Commercial Security Tax Credit (REV Part E): The Executive Budget proposes to establish a new tax credit administered by the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) designed to cover part of any qualified retail theft prevention measures taken by small businesses. Businesses with 100 or fewer employees operating at least one retail location in the state would be able to file for a certificate of credit to DCJS, if they spent at least \$12,000 annually per New York store on qualified retail theft prevention measures in Tax Years 2024 and 2025 if they file under the Corporate, Corporate Franchise, or Personal Income Tax. Qualified retail theft prevention measures include costs such as hiring security officers, installing cameras, additional lighting, alarm systems, new locks, or other such anti-theft measures. DCJS would be responsible for examining the books of the stores to determine whether the expenses incurred meet the criteria, and if they do, then the taxpayer would be issued a certificate for a \$3,000 refundable credit per store. The cost of the whole program is capped at \$5 million per Tax Year, with credits being assigned on a first come first serve basis.

Mandatory Sexual Harassment Policy and Training

New York State, MANDATES all employers, regardless of the company's size, must have a sexual harassment policy. Employers must also conduct ANNUAL interactive sexual harassment training and provide a written anti-harassment policy to ALL employees. To help keep you in compliance with this regulations.

To comply with the MANDATORY interactive sexual harassment training, sexual harassment training, LIGRA will be hosting sexual harassment training class. These training classes will be held in our LIGRA Office .

We are also offering sexual harassment

training, at your location, contact us over our on-site training program.

The cost is \$40.00 per person for LIGRA members and \$75 per person for non-LIGRA members.

Contact us to set up your training, at chris@LIGRA.COM



Just for Fun

Are you taking advantage of your LIGRA benefits



631-755-5550

WHAT YOU GET

LIGRA

Are you taking advantage of all of the benefits you are entitled to?

Let's Review ...

1 Workers Comp Safety Group

Pays a **20%** upfront discount and has paid an additional dividend of **30% or more** each and every year for the past **30 years!**



2 Exclusive 25% Discounted Payroll Service

Enables easier workers comp payments and audits



3 Discounted Credit Card Processing

Need we say more?

Pssst Also DMV Seminars

4 Legal Assistance

Discounted legal fees for all other issues including Free Legal fees for the 1st DMV Violation.

5 Lobbyists

Fighting in your interest against legislation mandates such as Mandatory electrical charging stations in all gas stations



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MB Port
Port Washington



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