



## Colorado Senate Bill 23-012 and CMV registration changes

We're informing you about Senate Bill 23-012, pivotal legislation passed during the 2023 legislative session. This law brings changes to how civil penalties are handled for commercial motor carriers who don't comply with safety rules while operating their vehicles.

Starting May 1, 2024, county motor vehicle offices will be implementing a new requirement. They will collect the USDOT number along with either an Employer Identification Number or Social Security Number when registering a commercial vehicle weighing 10,001 pounds or more. This requirement applies even if these vehicles are not part of the International Registration Plan (IRP) program.

SB23-012 is a stepping stone for Colorado to join the FMCSA's Expanded PRISM program. This transition signifies a major milestone in improving road safety and ensuring regulatory compliance throughout the state.

Below is some essential information you may need due to these changes:

- **If you don't have a DOT number, you can register for your FREE number at:**  
<https://portal.fmcsa.dot.gov/UrsRegistrationWizard>
  - **Note the dot.gov address!** Lots of CMV services will offer to help you. Some are real companies, some are fraud attempts. Stay aware!
  - After you register your DOT number, you may receive a lot of mail or email. Some of these might be scams. It's best to always check for legitimate correspondence directly on the federal website.
- **CSP may ask you to provide an Operating Authority - or MC - number.**
  - You may not need an Operating Authority number if you never haul outside of Colorado, or you only haul exempt commodities.
  - If you don't need it now, you can always apply later
  - There is a fee to apply for an Operating Authority number.
  - To apply for one, please visit <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration/get-mc-number-authority-operate>.
  - Plan Ahead! Operating Authority can take several weeks to activate.
- **Who to call when unable to register your vehicle or renew your plate:**
  - **For Colorado Only Companies:** Call CSP Motor Carrier Safety At: 303-273-1877 or email [civil\\_penalties@state.co.us](mailto:civil_penalties@state.co.us)
  - **For Interstate Carriers:** Contact FMCSA Western Service Center: 415-744-3088

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us achieve these safety and compliance goals.

If you have any questions or need further clarification, please call **(303) 205-5608**. Thank you for your attention to these important updates.