

(2) Ensure that each driver has a valid and appropriate license, as provided by State law, to operate the vehicle; and

(3) Have an insurance policy that is in effect which insures the farm labor contractor against liability for injury to persons or property arising from the ownership of, operation of, or the causing to be operated of, any vehicle used to transport migrant agricultural workers in Maryland. The minimum level of insurance shall be [as required by rule or regulation of the Commissioner but in no event shall the required coverage be greater than that mandated] THE AMOUNT REQUIRED by federal law or regulation, AND SHALL BE ISSUED BY AN INSURER LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE STATE OR ANY OTHER STATE.

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(a) A person shall not use the services of any farm labor contractor to supply migrant agricultural workers unless the person first verifies, either by examining the certificate or requesting verification from the Commissioner, that the farm labor contractor possesses a valid State certificate of registration. The Commissioner shall maintain a central public registry of all persons issued, AND WHO HAVE FILED APPLICATION FOR, a certificate of registration and shall confirm, IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE OR in writing, within 5 3 working days, the response to any request for verification OR THE STATUS OF ANY PENDING APPLICATION. The Commissioner shall inform the person requesting the verification, in writing, of any subsequent change in status of the farm labor contractor's State registration during the year that the certificate is in effect. Failure by the Commissioner to provide the notice required by this subsection shall relieve a person requesting verification from legal liability for hiring a person who is not authorized to engage in a farm labor contracting activity in this State.

(b) A person may not engage or continue to use the services of a farm labor contractor once that person has been notified by the Commissioner as required by this section, or has otherwise received actual notice, that the farm labor contractor lacks a State certificate of registration or that the certificate has been revoked or suspended.†

(C) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL IDENTIFY, THROUGH THE CENTRAL PUBLIC REGISTRY OF FARM LABOR CONTRACTORS FROM THE CURRENT YEAR AND PREVIOUS YEAR, PERSONS WITHIN THE STATE WHO HAVE USED, OR INTEND TO USE, THE SERVICE OF A FARM LABOR CONTRACTOR TO SUPPLY MIGRANT AGRICULTURAL WORKERS, AND DISTRIBUTE TO THOSE PERSONS, NO LATER THAN THE FIRST DAY OF APRIL, INFORMATION ON FARM LABOR CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION, REGISTRATION VERIFICATION UNDER THIS SECTION, AND WHERE TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE AND FURTHER INFORMATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1990.