Automated Enforcement of Truck Weight Limits on the BQE

What to know:

Why are weight limits important?

The BQE is subject to the same federal and state legal truck weight limits as all other roadways. These limits are in place to ensure that roads and bridges can operate safely under normal traffic conditions. Excessive overloads reduce the life span of our infrastructure.

What is the penalty for driving an overweight truck on the BQE that is identified by weigh in motion cameras and sensors?

Each violation has a penalty of $650 per violation. The penalty could be for exceeding gross vehicle and/or axle or tandem weight limits.

How will the new automated enforcement of weight limits work?

Governor Kathy Hochul signed a bill in July 2023 that allows the City of New York to use weigh in motion sensors on City-owned portions of the Brooklyn Queens Expressway (BQE) to help enforce truck weight limits. License plate cameras will be synched with the weight sensors to identify overweight trucks so that tickets can be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle.

When will weigh in motion sensors go live and when will enforcement begin?

The BQE WIM system is currently in place in the Queens-bound direction and enforcement began on November 13, 2023, following a 90-day warning period that started in August 2023. The City is expanding enforcement of the BQE WIM system to Staten-Island-bound traffic starting with a 90-day warning period that begins on March 24, 2025. $650 violations will begin being issued on June 22, 2025.

How do weigh in motion sensors work?

Weigh in motion sensors are systems installed in roadways that determine a vehicle's gross weight and axle weights while it travels over the roadway.

What are the truck weight limits in New York City?

Information on truck weight limits and more on the Weigh-in-Motion Program can be found at nyc.gov/truckweightlimits.

Who should I contact if I have questions about the program?

Submit questions or concerns to NYC DOT online at nyc.gov/contactdot.

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