

New York Bus Accident Lawyer Supports New Bus Safety Legislation

Following two fatal bus accidents, lawmakers propose legislation that will strengthen safety standards and require bus driver training.

NEW YORK, NEW YORK – [New York bus accident lawyer](#) David Perecman supports proposed legislation that would strengthen bus safety standards and improve driver training.

“The only ones who would be opposed to new rules are bus companies that put profits ahead of the safety of riders,” said Perecman, founder of the New York, bus accident firm The Perecman Firm.

Pushes for tougher safety measures aimed at discount bus companies come shortly after two [tour bus accidents](#) killed a total of seventeen people in less than a week.

New York Senators, Charles E. Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, are co-sponsoring a bill that would require commercial bus drivers to complete a rigid training program. This measure comes at the same time legislators are working to strengthen The Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act.

“It is extremely important that lawmakers make bus safety a priority. These protective measures can mean the difference between life and death, literally,” said [New York bus accident lawyer](#) Perecman.

The Motorcoach Enhanced Safety Act would specifically require the following safety measures for motorcoaches, defined as buses used in intercity fixed-route, charter, commuter and tour bus services:

- Improved commercial driver training. Currently, federal regulations do not require drivers to have training.
- Safety belts and stronger seating systems to ensure passengers remain in their seats in a crash.
- Anti-ejection windows that make it harder for riders to be thrown outside the vehicle.
- Strong, crush-resistant roofs that can withstand bus accident rollovers.
- Less flammable buses and better bus driver training on how to handle fires.

- A national registry to ensure that medical examiners who conduct physical examinations of drivers are qualified, as well as a medical certificate process to ensure that all certificates are valid and no unqualified operator is allowed to drive.

- Stronger motorcoach vehicle safety inspections

- Recorders with real-time capabilities like the black boxes used by airliners to track vehicle movements during an bus accident that cannot be altered by the driver.

The two [fatal bus accidents in New York](#) and New Jersey were not isolated incidents either, but the latest in a series of crashes, and near crashes, that have recently beset the discount tour bus industry.

The Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety, a group that lobbies for stricter bus and truck regulation, and New York bus accident lawyer Perecman have been concerned about unsafe motorcoach operators and lax safety supervision for drivers, bus companies and buses for years.

According to the American Bus Association, more than 50 percent of the [deaths in bus accidents](#) between 1999 and 2009 could have been prevented if the operators involved had not been allowed to operate.

“The new legislation will be aimed at ensuring bus safety and preventing bus accidents, and it’s going to be up to bus companies to follow those rules and up to transportation officials to make sure bus companies comply,” Perecman said.

The [New York bus accident lawyers](#) at The Perecman Firm in New York are experienced at representing individuals injured in bus accidents involving the MTA, tour buses, charter buses and others. Anyone involved in a bus accident, should [contact an experienced New York bus accident lawyer](#) with the skills, expertise and resources to handle a bus accident case.

About David Perecman and The Perecman Firm, PLLC:

For the past 30 years, the personal injury accident, auto accident, construction accident, and medical malpractice lawyers at The Perecman Firm, PLLC have championed all types of cases concerning personal injury. David Perecman, founder of the Firm, is a Board Director and the past Secretary and Treasurer of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association (NYSTLA) and a chair of its Labor Law Committee. Mr. Perecman's achievements have brought him recognition as an Honoree in the National Law Journal's Hall of Fame, in New York Magazine's "The Best Lawyers in America" and The New York Times Magazine "New York Super Lawyers, Metro Edition" for the years 2007-2010.

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The Firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients. Among the more recent victories, Mr. Perecman won a \$15 million verdict* for a construction accident, a \$5.35 million dollar verdict** for an automobile accident, and a \$40 million dollar structured settlement for medical malpractice***.

*later settled while on appeal for \$7.940 million

** later settled for \$3.5 million

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