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The Department of Motor Vehicles plans to suspend within days the **licenses** of thousands of truck drivers suspected of giving false information to the department. Advocates for illegal immigrants said the action would disproportionately hurt such immigrants, who cannot provide proper documentation but need to drive. The advocates plan a protest rally tomorrow outside Gov. George E. Pataki's Manhattan office. State officials said the **suspension** was prompted by a concern over public safety. Joseph Picchi, a department spokesman, said yesterday that the **licenses** of 6,000 commercial drivers, one of several groups to be scrutinized, would be automatically suspended **beginning** Friday, unless the drivers can provide valid Social Security information within 15 days. Warning letters were sent out this month. Nina Bernstein (NYT)

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