CHAPTER 53

AUTOBUSES

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Chapter Historical Note

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Subchapter 11, Inspection and Verification of Best Available Retrofit Technology Device Installation on Regulated Diesel Commercial Buses, was adopted as new rules by R.2007 d.233, effective August 6, 2007. See: 38 N.J.R. 5318(a), 39 N.J.R. 3387(a).

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