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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the use of  
hazard lights when traveling at certain speeds

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1     Section 1. Subdivision (e) of section 1163 of the vehicle and traffic  
2     law, as added by chapter 388 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as  
3     follows:  
4     (e) The driver of a vehicle equipped with simultaneously flashing  
5     signals as provided for in subdivision eighteen-a of section three  
6     hundred seventy-five OF THIS CHAPTER shall use such signals when (I) the  
7     vehicle is stopped or disabled on a public highway, except when such  
8     vehicle is stopped in compliance with a traffic-control device or when  
9     legally parked; OR (II) WHEN THE DRIVER IS OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT A  
10    SPEED SLOWER THAN OR EQUAL TO FIFTEEN MILES PER HOUR BELOW THE POSTED  
11    MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT. The driver of a vehicle so equipped may use such  
12    signals whenever necessary to warn the operators of following vehicles  
13    of the presence of a traffic hazard ahead of the signaling vehicle, or  
14    to warn the operators of other vehicles that the signaling vehicle may  
15    itself constitute a traffic hazard, taking into account traffic and  
16    highway conditions. No person shall use such signals for any other  
17    purpose.  
18    S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
19    it shall have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[ ] is old law to be omitted.

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