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Introduced by Sen. FELDER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to direct the commissioner of transportation to examine, evaluate and report upon the unsafe use of bicycles on public highways

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

1     Section 1. The commissioner of transportation shall examine, evaluate  
2     and make recommendations on the unsafe use of bicycles upon public high-  
3     ways. Such commissioner shall direct his or her attention to at least  
4     the following:  
5     (a) the incidence of violations of the rules of the road, as specified  
6     in the vehicle and traffic law, and local laws, ordinance and codes, by  
7     bicycle riders, on a statewide basis and by county;  
8     (b) the incidence of vehicular accidents involving bicycles, on a  
9     statewide basis and by county;  
10    (c) the number of vehicular accidents caused by bicycle riders, on a  
11    statewide basis and by county;  
12    (d) the incidence of pedestrian accidents involving bicycles, on a  
13    statewide basis and by county;  
14    (e) the number of pedestrian accidents caused by bicycle riders, on a  
15    statewide basis and by county;  
16    (f) the incidence of property damage accidents involving bicycles, on  
17    a statewide basis and by county;  
18    (g) the number of property damage accidents caused by bicycle riders,  
19    on a statewide basis and by county;  
20    (h) the number of individuals suffering personal injury or death as  
21    the result of vehicular accidents, pedestrian accidents and property  
22    damage accidents involving bicycles, on a statewide basis and by county;  
23    (i) the incidence of bike lane violations by bicycle riders;  
24    (j) the use of helmets by bicycle riders, on a statewide basis and by  
25    county; and

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

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1 (k) a comparison of the incidence of personal injury and death to  
2 bicycle riders involved in accidents who were wearing helmets and those  
3 who were not wearing helmets.

4 S 2. The commissioner of transportation shall publish and make avail-  
5 able to the public, and submit to the governor and the legislature,  
6 within one year of the effective date of this act, a report of his or  
7 her findings, conclusions and recommendations. In addition, such commis-  
8 sioner shall submit with his or her report such legislative proposals as  
9 he or she deems necessary to implement his or her recommendations.

10 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.