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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. MARTINS, MAZIARZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the operation of authorized emergency vehicles

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

Section 1. Subdivision (e) of section 1104 of the vehicle and traffic law, as relettered by chapter 336 of the laws of 1968, is amended to read as follows:

(e) [The foregoing provisions shall not relieve the driver of an authorized emergency vehicle from the duty to drive with due regard for the safety of all persons, nor shall such provisions protect the driver from the consequences of his reckless disregard for the safety of others] IN ADDITION TO THE IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION PROVIDED FOR IN SUBDIVISION (B) OF THIS SECTION, NO CAUSE OF ACTION MAY BE BROUGHT FOR DAMAGES AS A RESULT OF THE OPERATION OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE WHEN THE OPERATOR OF SUCH VEHICLE WAS ENGAGED IN EMERGENCY OPERATION AT THE TIME, PROVIDED THAT THE OPERATOR WHO WAS ENGAGED IN SUCH EMERGENCY OPERATION

WAS NOT ACTING WITH RECKLESS DISREGARD FOR THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.

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

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