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Introduced by M. of A. CUSICK -- read once and referred to the Committee  
on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to driver  
training and highway safety instruction course

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

1     Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of  
2     section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 458 of  
3     the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:  
4     (i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the  
5     applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence  
6     of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the  
7     laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicat-  
8     ed, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", or "Work Zone Safe-  
9     ty" awareness as defined by the commissioner, the law relating to exer-  
10    cising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing  
11    authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section elev-  
12    en hundred forty-four-a of this chapter, the ability to read and compre-  
13    hend traffic signs and symbols and such other matters as the commission-  
14    er may prescribe, and to satisfactorily complete a course prescribed by  
15    the commissioner of not less than four hours and not more than five  
16    hours, consisting of [classroom] driver training and highway safety  
17    instruction or the equivalent thereof DELIVERED BY A STATE-APPROVED  
18    CLASSROOM OR ONLINE PROVIDER. Such test shall include at least seven  
19    written questions concerning the effects of consumption of alcohol or  
20    drugs on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the  
21    legal and financial consequences resulting from violations of section  
22    eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohibiting the operation of  
23    a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Such test  
24    shall include one or more written questions concerning the devastating  
25    effects of "Road Rage" on the ability of a person to operate a motor  
26    vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from assault-  
27    ing, threatening or interfering with the lawful conduct of another  
28    person legally using the roadway. Such test shall include one or more

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

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1 questions concerning the potential dangers to persons and equipment  
2 resulting from the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle in a work zone.  
3 Such test may include one or more questions concerning the law for exer-  
4 cising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing  
5 authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section elev-  
6 en hundred forty-four-a of this chapter. Such test shall be administered  
7 by the commissioner. The commissioner shall cause the applicant to take  
8 a vision test and a test for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision  
9 test, the application may be accepted and the application fee shall be  
10 payable.  
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.