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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, SANTABARBARA, FAHY -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring passengers to use seatbelts in a stretch limousine

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 147-a to read as follows:

3 § 147-a. Stretch limousine. Any for hire vehicle with a chassis which
4 was manufactured and then altered for the purpose of transporting ten or
5 more occupants, including the driver.

6 § 2. Subdivision 6 of section 383 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
7 renumbered by chapter 747 of the laws of 1986, is renumbered subdivision
8 7 and a new subdivision 6 is added to read as follows:

9 6. Passenger safety belts for stretch limousines. Every stretch limou-
10 sine, as defined in section one hundred forty-seven-a of this chapter,
11 manufactured or altered for use in this state, shall be designed so that
12 all passenger seats on such vehicle are equipped with safety belts of a
13 type and specification as approved by the commissioner of transportation
14 through the adoption of rules and regulations.

15 § 3. Section 1229-c of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
16 adding a new subdivision 3-d to read as follows:

17 3-d. (a) No person shall operate a stretch limousine unless such
18 person is restrained by a safety belt approved by the commissioner.

19 (b) No person shall be a passenger in a stretch limousine unless such
20 person is restrained by a safety belt approved by the commissioner.

21 § 4. Subdivision 51 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as
22 added by chapter 495 of the laws of 2003, is amended to read as follows:

23 51. Taxicab [~~and~~], livery and stretch limousine notices. (a) Every
24 taxicab [~~and~~], livery and stretch limousine registered in this state

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

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1 shall have posted therein the following notice: "Seatbelts must be
2 available for your use. Please buckle up."

3 (b) The notices required to be posted pursuant to paragraph (a) of
4 this subdivision shall be posted in a manner legible and conspicuous to
5 passengers in all seating positions of such vehicles.

6 § 5. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall
7 have become a law.