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IN ASSEMBLY

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Introduced by M. of A. COOK, TITUS, ORTIZ, JOYNER, D'URSO, DICKENS --
Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. DenDEKKER, HYNDMAN, SIMON -- read once
and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring
police officers to notify family members in person of a relative's
death in certain circumstances

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

- 1 Section 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Valeria's
2 law".
3 § 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
4 603-c to read as follows:
5 § 603-c. Accidents; police to notify in person. 1. In each motor vehi-
6 cle accident or any other event or incident in which any person is
7 killed, who was not in violation of any law, rules, regulations, proce-
8 dures or summons, the police officer, agency or individual who, in the
9 regular course of duty, investigates such accident, event or incident
10 shall use reasonable efforts to identify and notify in person, a member
11 of the person's family or household of the fatality as soon as practica-
12 ble after such accident, event or incident.
13 2. Such notification shall indicate that the person was killed, the
14 location of the accident, event or incident and the location of the
15 person's body or remains.
16 § 3. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall
17 have become a law.

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

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