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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, the state finance law and the education law, in relation to high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices

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

Section 1. Section 114-d of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 365 of the laws of 2008, is amended to read as follows:

§ 114-d. Electric personal assistive mobility device. Every self-balancing, **one wheeled or** two non-tandem wheeled device designed to transport one person by means of an electric propulsion system with an average output of not more than seven hundred fifty watts (one horsepower), and the maximum speed of which on a paved level surface, when propelled solely by its electric propulsion system while ridden by an operator weighing one hundred seventy pounds, is less than [~~twelve and one-half~~] **twenty** miles per hour.

§ 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 114-f to read as follows:

§ 114-f. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device. Every self-balancing, one wheeled or two tandem or non-tandem wheeled device designed to transport one person by means of an electric propulsion system that exceeds twenty miles per hour on a paved level surface, when propelled solely by its electric propulsion system while ridden by an operator weighing less than one hundred seventy pounds.

§ 3. Section 121-c of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 931 of the laws of 1977, is amended to read as follows:

§ 121-c. Limited use vehicle. A motor vehicle, other than one registered or capable of being registered pursuant to sections four hundred one [~~or~~]**,** four hundred ten**, or four hundred fourteen** of this chapter,

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

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which has a maximum performance speed of not more than forty miles per hour, as defined in section one hundred twenty-two-b of this chapter.

§ 4. Section 204 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 464 of the laws of 1960, is amended to read as follows:

§ 204. Subpoenaing hearing referees. No officer or employee of the department of motor vehicles who has conducted a hearing concerning an owner or operator of a motor vehicle**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device,** or motorcycle shall be required to appear in any court as a witness in a civil action in which such owner or operator is a party except pursuant to a subpoena signed by a judge of a court of record, or a judge of the court in which the action is pending, issued upon an application to such judge after, at least, one day's notice to the commissioner or a deputy commissioner of motor vehicles.

§ 5. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article 12-E to read as follows:

ARTICLE 12-E

EQUIPMENT OF HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES

Section 399-aa. Design and manufacture.
399-bb. Turning indicators.
399-cc. Bells.
399-dd. Pedestrian safety standards.
399-ee. Prohibited chargers.
399-ff. Operator's manual.
399-gg. Law governing disputes over design, manufacture, and safety.

§ 399-aa. Design and manufacture. Other than the special provisions under this article, a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device may be manufactured and designed in accordance with relevant safety and design principles.

§ 399-bb. Turning indicators. A high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall not be required to have a turning indicator.

§ 399-cc. Bells. No person shall operate a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device unless it is equipped with, or the operator is holding, a bell or other device capable of giving a signal audible for a distance of at least one hundred feet, except that such device shall not be equipped with nor shall any person use upon such device any siren or whistle.

§ 399-dd. Pedestrian safety standards. All high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices shall be manufactured and designed to mitigate the risk of serious fatal injury in child and adult pedestrian collisions.

§ 399-ee. Prohibited charging devices. No high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be sold or charged with a universal charger.

§ 399-ff. Operator's manual. Every high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall come with an operation manual that may be either printed or readily accessible via the internet.

§ 399-gg. Law governing disputes over design, manufacture, pedestrian safety, and failure to warn. All disputes related to the design, the manufacture, pedestrian safety, and failure to warn shall be governed by the state's common law on product liability and if no applicable common law exists, then by statute.

§ 6. Subdivision a of section 400 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 776 of the laws of 1959, is amended to read as follows:

a. Upon the registration, numbering and regulation of motor vehicles, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices, and motorcycles; and

§ 7. Section 403-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 61 of the laws of 1989, is amended to read as follows:

§ 403-a. Temporary indicia of registration. The commissioner may promulgate regulations to provide for temporary indicia of registration which shall permit a person to operate or park a motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer on the public highways of this state without number plates or number decals issued by the commissioner or validating stickers for a period not to exceed fifteen days when the number plate or plates, number decal or validating sticker for such motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer has been lost, stolen, mutilated or destroyed. Such regulations may provide for the charging of a fee of not more than three dollars for any issuance of temporary indicia of registration. Any person who operates or parks a motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer on the public highways of this state, which motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer is in fact validly registered pursuant to the provisions of section four hundred one [~~or~~], four hundred ten, or four hundred fourteen of this [~~chapter~~] title, without a number plate or plates, number decal or validating sticker, and who has complied with any such regulations promulgated by the commissioner under this section shall not be deemed to be operating or parking a motor vehicle, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or trailer in violation of subdivision one or three of section four hundred two or section four hundred three of this [~~chapter~~] title. Falsifying any temporary indicia of registration prescribed by any regulation of the commissioner issued pursuant to this section shall be a traffic infraction.

§ 8. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article 15-B to read as follows:

ARTICLE 15-B

REGISTRATION OF HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES

Section 414. Registration of high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices; fees; renewals.

414-a. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety program.

414-b. Distinctive number; form of number decals.

414-c. Financial security.

414-d. Punishment for violation.

§ 414. Registration of high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices; fees; renewals. 1. Registration by owners. No high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices shall be operated or driven upon the public highways of this state with a posted speed limit of less than forty miles per hour without first being registered in accordance with the provisions of this article, except as otherwise expressly provided in this chapter. Every owner of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device which shall be operated or driven upon the public highways of this state with a posted speed limit of less than forty miles per hour shall, except as otherwise expressly provided, cause to be filed, by mail or otherwise, in the office or a branch office of the commissioner, or with an agent of the commissioner, constituted as provided in this chapter, an application for registration, addressed to the commissioner, and on a blank to be prepared under

the direction of and furnished by the commissioner for that purpose, containing:

(a) a brief description of the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device to be registered, including the name of the manufacturer and factory number of such device; and

(b) the name, residence, including county and business address of the owner of such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device.

2. Registration record. Upon the receipt of a sufficient application for registration, as provided in this article, the commissioner or agent receiving it shall register such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device, and maintain a record of the registration of such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device under the distinctive number assigned to such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device, as provided in this section, and the information in such record may be obtained upon payment of the fees specified in section two hundred two of this chapter.

3. Certificate of registration. (a) Upon the filing of such application and the payment of the fee hereinafter provided, the commissioner shall assign to such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device a distinctive number and, without expense to the applicant, issue and deliver in such manner as the commissioner may select to the owner a certificate of registration, in such form as the commissioner may prescribe, and a number decal at a place within the state of New York named by the applicant in such applicant's application. In the event of the loss, mutilation or destruction of any certificate of registration or number decal, the owner of a registered device may file such statement and proof of the facts as the commissioner shall require, with a fee of three dollars, in the office of the commissioner, or, unless and until the commissioner shall otherwise direct, in the office of the agent who issued the certificate or decal and the commissioner or the commissioner's agent, as the case may be, shall issue a duplicate or substitute. No application for registration shall be accepted unless the applicant is at least eighteen years of age.

(b) Upon the issuance of a certificate of registration, the commissioner shall provide the owner of such device with a notice regarding the laws governing unidentifiable high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device parts, in such form and manner as the commissioner may prescribe.

4. Times for registration and reregistration. Registration applied for and certificates issued under any application shall expire on a date determined by the commissioner. Registration shall be renewed periodically in the same manner and upon payment of the same annual fee as provided in this section for registration, to take effect and to expire on dates to be determined by the commissioner. Provided, however, that the commissioner shall have authority to fix the length of time for which any such device which is registered without fee shall be registered. Provided further, however, that renewal of a registration may be used preceding the expiration date of such registration including such expiration date.

5. Registration fees. (a) The annual fee for registration or reregistration of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be seventeen dollars and fifty cents.

(b) Where a registration is made for a period of more or less than one calendar year, the registration fee shall not be prorated. The provisions hereof with respect to the payment of registration fees shall not apply to high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices

owned or controlled by the state, a city, county, village or town or any of the departments thereof, or any school district or county extension service association, but in other respects shall be applicable.

6. Fees in lieu of taxes. The registration fees imposed by this article upon such devices shall be in lieu of all taxes, general or local, to which high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices may be subject.

§ 414-a. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety program. 1. The commissioner shall establish and administer a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety program which shall consist of approved high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training courses, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device course instructor training, program promotion, and public awareness. Approved rider training courses shall be approved by the department. Approved courses shall include at least eight hours of instruction in the actual operation of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device. Monies from the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund established pursuant to section ninety-two-kk of the state finance law shall be used for the establishment and implementation of this program.

2. The commissioner shall issue a request for proposals for the coordination of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety program which shall set requirements for the preparation of bids. The commissioner shall enter into a contract, for a period of five years, with a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization selected pursuant to such process. The contract shall be awarded following the consideration of factors which shall include, but not be limited to, the most favorable financial advantage for the state, the greatest utility to the rider, the comprehensiveness and effectiveness of such organization and its compatibility with the existing rider education programs. The high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordination organization shall be subject to periodic reporting requirements established by the department outlining the administration and effectiveness of its program and an itemization of all high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund allocations. Such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization shall have as its administrator an individual who has no financial or proprietary interest in a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device training school or facility.

3. The high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization shall submit to the commissioner for approval requests for advances pursuant to a contract and reimbursements from the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund for equipment, operating and administrative costs and other expenses necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The commissioner shall approve all such requests for expenditures that are in accordance with the provisions of this section.

4. The commissioner shall annually file a report on expenditures from the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund, established pursuant to section ninety-two-kk of the state finance law, with the legislature. Such report shall include the name of the funded high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization and the amount of funds distributed to it and shall provide an evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the funded programs and any recommendations for programmatic changes.

§ 414-b. Distinctive number; form of number decals. 1. No person shall operate or drive a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device on the public highways of this state with a posted speed limit of less than forty miles per hour unless such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall have a distinctive number assigned to it by the commissioner and a number decal issued by the commissioner with a number corresponding to that of the certificate of registration conspicuously displayed on a conspicuous part of such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device which is readily visible.

2. Such number decals shall be of such material, form, design and dimensions and contain or set forth such distinguishing number or other identification marks as the commissioner shall prescribe, provided, however, that there shall be at all times a marked contrast between the color of the number decals and that of the numerals or letters thereon, and provided further that no high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall display the number decals of more than one state at a time, nor shall any decal be used other than those issued by the commissioner.

3. No person shall operate or drive a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device upon the public highways of this state with a posted speed limit of less than forty miles per hour having displayed thereon a number decal not proper for such high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device under the provisions of this chapter and, upon conviction for this offense, the number decal shall be destroyed with proof of such destruction submitted to the court for delivery to the commissioner.

4. No person shall knowingly authorize or permit a number decal issued for a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device owned and registered by such person to be displayed on any high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device other than a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device to which such number decal has been assigned by the commissioner.

§ 414-c. Financial security. No evidence of financial security shall be required to register a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device.

§ 414-d. Punishment for violation. The violation of any of the provisions of section four hundred fourteen of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen days, or by both such fine and imprisonment except, if the violation consists of failure to renew a registration which was valid within sixty days, the fine shall be not less than twenty-five dollars. A violation of any of the provisions of section four hundred fourteen-b of this article shall be punishable by a fine of not less than twenty-five nor more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

§ 9. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article 34-E to read as follows:

ARTICLE 34-E

OPERATION OF HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC PERSONAL ASSISTIVE MOBILITY DEVICES

Section 1295. Traffic laws apply to persons operating high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices.

1296. Riding on high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device.

1297. Operating high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device on highways laned for traffic.

1298. Clinging to other vehicles.

§ 1295. Traffic laws apply to persons operating high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices. Every person operating a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be granted all of the rights and shall be subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle under this title, except as to special regulations in this article and except as to those provisions of this title which by their nature can have no application.

§ 1296. Riding on high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device. 1. A person operating a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall ride only in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer of such device, and such rider shall not carry any other person nor shall any other person ride on a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device.

2. No person shall operate a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device while carrying any package, bundle or other article which prevents such person from operating such device in the manner prescribed by the manufacturer.

3. No person shall carry any person, nor shall any person ride, in a position that will interfere with the operation of control of the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device or the view of the operator.

§ 1297. Operating high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device on highways laned for traffic. 1. All high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices are entitled to full use of a lane and no motor vehicle or high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be driven in such a manner as to deprive any high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device of the full use of a lane. However, this section shall not be construed to prevent high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device from being operated two abreast in a single lane.

2. The operator of a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall not overtake and pass in the same lane occupied by the vehicle being overtaken.

3. No person shall operate a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device between lanes of traffic or between adjacent lines or rows of vehicles.

4. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices shall not be operated more than two abreast in a single lane.

5. No high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be operated on a highway with a posted speed limit of greater than forty miles per hour.

6. Every high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device when in use during the period from one-half hour after sunset to one-half hour before sunrise shall be equipped with a light on the front which shall emit a white light visible during hours of darkness from a distance of at least five hundred feet to the front and with an additional red light visible to the rear for three hundred feet. At least one of these lights shall be visible for two hundred feet from each side.

7. Every high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be equipped with a system that enables the operator to bring the device to a controlled stop.

§ 1298. Clinging to other vehicles. No person riding upon a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall attach themself or the

high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device to any other vehicle or streetcar on a highway.

§ 10. The state finance law is amended by adding a new section 92-kk to read as follows:

§ 92-kk. High-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund. 1. There is hereby established in the joint custody of the state comptroller and the commissioner of taxation and finance a special fund to be known as the "high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety fund".

2. Moneys of the fund, following appropriation by the legislature, shall be made available to the department of motor vehicles only for the administration and implementation of the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device safety program established pursuant to section four hundred fourteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law. No more than ten percent of the annual receipts of the fund may be used for administrative and personnel costs of the department needed to implement and administer the program. Remaining moneys of the fund shall be used for the administrative and operating expenses of the high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization designated under section four hundred fourteen-a of the vehicle and traffic law.

3. The moneys of the fund shall be paid out on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the commissioner of motor vehicles, including advances of funds pursuant to a contract to a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device rider training coordinating organization. At the end of each year any moneys remaining in the fund shall be retained in the fund and shall not revert to the general fund. The interest and income earned on money in the fund, after deducting any applicable charges, shall be credited to the fund.

§ 11. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 501 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (ix) to read as follows:

(ix) Class E1. Such license shall be valid to operate any high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device, as defined in section one hundred fourteen-f of this chapter.

§ 12. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 618 of the laws of 2021, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision an applicant for a class A, B, C [~~or~~], E or E1 license shall be at least eighteen years of age.

§ 13. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 520 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (a) of this subdivision an applicant for a class B, C [~~or~~], E or E1 license shall be at least eighteen years of age.

§ 14. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) and paragraphs (b), (c-3) and (d) of subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) and paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 379 of the laws of 2022, paragraph (c-3) as added by chapter 355 of the laws of 2017 and paragraph (d) as amended by chapter 477 of the laws of 2024, are amended to read as follows:

(i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the

laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicated, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", "Work Zone Safety" awareness, "Motorcycle **and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device** Safety" awareness and "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety" awareness as defined by the commissioner, "School Bus Safety" awareness, the law relating to exercising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this chapter, the ability to read and comprehend traffic signs and symbols and such other matters as the commissioner may prescribe, and to satisfactorily complete a course prescribed by the commissioner of not less than four hours and not more than five hours, consisting of classroom driver training and highway safety instruction or the equivalent thereof. Such test shall include at least seven written questions concerning the effects of consumption of alcohol or drugs on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from violations of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Such test shall include one or more written questions concerning the devastating effects of "Road Rage" on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from assaulting, threatening or interfering with the lawful conduct of another person legally using the roadway. Such test shall include one or more questions concerning the potential dangers to persons and equipment resulting from the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle in a work zone. Such test may include one or more questions concerning motorcycle safety. Such test may include one or more questions concerning the law for exercising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this chapter. Such test may include one or more questions concerning school bus safety. Such test may include one or more questions concerning pedestrian and bicyclist safety. Such test shall be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a vision test and a test for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision test, the application may be accepted and the application fee shall be payable.

(b) Upon successful completion of the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision which shall include an alcohol and drug education component as described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, a "Road Rage" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-1) of this subdivision, a "Work Zone Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-2) of this subdivision, a "Motorcycle **and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device** Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-3) of this subdivision, a "School Bus Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-4) of this subdivision, and a "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-5) of this subdivision, the commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a road test in a representative vehicle of a type prescribed by the commissioner which shall be appropriate to the type of license for which application is made, except that the commissioner may waive the road test requirements for certain classes of applicants. Provided, however, that the term "representative vehicle" shall not include a three-wheeled motor vehicle that has two wheels situated in the front and one wheel in the rear, has a steering mechanism and seating which does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride, is equipped with safety belts for all occupants and is manufactured to

comply with federal motor vehicle safety standards for motorcycles including, but not limited to, 49 C.F.R. part 571. The commissioner shall have the power to establish a program to allow persons other than employees of the department to conduct road tests in representative vehicles when such tests are required for applicants to obtain a class A, B or C license. If [~~she~~] **the commissioner** chooses to do so, [~~she~~] **the commissioner** shall set forth [~~her~~] **the commissioner's** reasons in writing and conduct a public hearing on the matter. [~~She~~] **The commissioner** shall only establish such a program after holding the public hearing.

(c-3) "Motorcycle **and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device** Safety" awareness component. The commissioner shall provide in the pre-licensing course, set forth in paragraph (b) of this subdivision, a mandatory component in "Motorcycle **and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device** Safety" awareness education as a prerequisite for obtaining a license to operate a motor vehicle. The purpose of the component is to educate prospective licensees on the potential dangers to persons operating motorcycles **and high-speed electric assistive mobility devices** on the roadway.

(d) (i) The commissioner shall make available for distribution upon registration at each location where the pre-licensing course will be given (1) instructional handbooks outlining the content of the entire curriculum of the pre-licensing course including the information required to be included in the course pursuant to paragraphs (c), (c-1), (c-2), (c-3), (c-4) and (c-5) of this subdivision, and (2) information as to how a person may register in the New York state organ and tissue donor registry under section forty-three hundred ten of the public health law.

(ii) The commissioner shall also provide for the additional training of the instructors necessary for the competent instruction of the alcohol and drug education, "Road Rage" awareness, "Work Zone Safety" awareness, "Motorcycle **and High-Speed Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device** Safety" awareness, "School Bus Safety" awareness and "Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety" awareness subject matters of the pre-licensing course.

§ 15. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b), subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) and paragraph (c-1) of subdivision 2 of section 503 of the vehicle and traffic law, subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) and subparagraph (iii) of paragraph (c) as amended by section 1 of part F of chapter 59 of the laws of 2009 and paragraph (c-1) as amended by section 3 of part UU of chapter 59 of the laws of 2018, are amended to read as follows:

(ii) Upon passage of the knowledge test required to obtain a learner's permit, the applicant for a class C license which does not have an H, P or X endorsement or a class E license shall be required to pay six dollars and twenty-five cents for each six months or portion thereof of the period of validity of a learner's permit or license which is or may be issued, and an applicant for a class D, DJ, **E1,** M or MJ license shall be required to pay three dollars and twenty-five cents for each six months or portion thereof of the period of validity of a learner's permit or license which is or may be issued. No additional fee shall be required of any such applicant to take up to two road tests. Such road test must be passed before a license will be issued.

(iii) For a class D, DJ, **E1,** M or MJ license, three dollars and twenty-five cents, for each six months or portion thereof.

(c-1) In addition to the fees established in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this subdivision, a fee of fifty cents for each six months or portion

thereof of the period of validity shall be paid upon the issuance of any permit, license or renewal of a license which is valid for the operation of a motorcycle, except a limited use motorcycle**, or a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device**.

§ 16. Subdivisions 2 and 4 of section 506 of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 780 of the laws of 1972, are amended to read as follows:

2. The commissioner may require every person holding a license issued pursuant to this article to submit to such an examination as shall be determined by [~~him~~] **the commissioner** to be appropriate if such person has been involved in three accidents while driving a motor vehicle**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device,** or motorcycle within a period of eighteen months, if such accidents were required to be reported by section six hundred five of this chapter.

4. Any person holding a license issued pursuant to this chapter who suffers permanent loss of use of one or both hands or arms or of one or both feet or legs, or one eye shall, before operating any motor vehicle**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device,** or motorcycle make report thereof to the commissioner, who shall take such reasonable action as may be proper under the provisions of this section.

§ 17. Subdivision (c) of section 605 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

(c) The report required by this section shall be made in such form and number as the commissioner may prescribe. Such report shall include information on the width and length of trucks, tractors, trailers and semitrailers, which are in excess of ninety-five inches in width or thirty-four feet in length and which are involved in such accidents, whether such accident took place in a work area and whether it was being operated with an overweight or over dimension permit. Such report shall distinctly indicate and include information as to whether the inflatable restraint system inflated and deployed. Such report shall include information on the type or types of vehicles involved, including passenger motor vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, motorcycles, limited use motorcycles, off-highway motorcycles, **high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices,** electric scooters, bicycles with electric assist, and/or bicycles.

§ 18. Section 1604 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 247 of the laws of 1991, is amended to read as follows:

§ 1604. Local ordinances prohibited. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, local authorities shall have no power to pass, enforce or maintain any ordinance, rule or regulation requiring from any owner of a motor vehicle**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device,** or motorcycle, or from any operator or chauffeur to whom this chapter is applicable, any tax, fee, license or permit for the use of the public highways, or excluding any such owner, operator or chauffeur from the free use of such public highways, excepting such driveway, speedway or road as has been or may be expressly set apart by law for the exclusive use of horses and light carriages, or in any other way restricting motor vehicles**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility devices,** or motorcycles or their speed upon or use of the public highways; or setting aside for any given time a specified public highway or any part thereof constructed in whole or in part at the expense of the state for exhibitions, shows, exercises, entertainments or meetings; and no ordinance, rule or regulation contrary to or in any wise inconsistent with

the provisions of this chapter, now in force or hereafter enacted shall have any effect.

Provided, however, that the power given to local authorities to license and regulate vehicles offered to the public for hire, and processions, assemblages or parades in the streets or public places, and all ordinances, rules and regulations which may have been or which may be enacted in pursuance of such powers shall remain in full force and effect.

§ 19. Subdivision 1 of section 806-a of the education law, as amended by chapter 644 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all school districts providing instruction in driver education shall include in such instruction: (a) a driver safety component with an emphasis on the effects of alcohol and drug use, (b) instruction in motorcycle **and high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device** safety awareness. The commissioner, upon approval by the commissioner of motor vehicles, shall establish a curriculum for the alcohol and drug education component which shall include but not be limited to: instruction describing the hazards of driving while impaired or intoxicated; the penalties for alcohol related motor vehicle violations including sanctions set forth in the penal law that apply to homicides and assaults arising out of the operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated and those sanctions set forth in the vehicle and traffic law relating to driving while intoxicated; and the medical, biological and physiological effects of the consumption of alcohol and their impact on the operation of a motor vehicle.

§ 20. Subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 of section 420 of the vehicle and traffic law, subdivisions 1 and 5 as amended by chapter 394 of the laws of 1979, subdivision 2 as amended by section 2 of part G of chapter 59 of the laws of 2009, subdivision 3 as amended by chapter 402 of the laws of 1990, subdivision 7 as amended by chapter 139 of the laws of 1988, and subdivision 8 as amended by section 26 of part G of chapter 59 of the laws of 2009, are amended to read as follows:

1. Upon the transfer of ownership or the destruction of a motor vehicle, motorcycle**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device** or trailer, its registration shall expire; and the seller, or the owner in case of destruction, shall remove the number plates from the vehicle. **For purposes of this section, a high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device shall be considered a "vehicle" and such decals required to be affixed to them shall be considered "plates" except when a provision containing the terms "vehicle" or "plate" relates to a dealer.**

2. Such seller or owner may, however, register another vehicle and use said number plates thereon, if appropriate, upon making application for such registration, paying a transfer fee of ten dollars, and paying the proportional excess, if any, of the annual fee for registering the second vehicle over the annual fee for registering the first vehicle for each day or fraction thereof constituting the unexpired registration period. If the number plates of the first vehicle are not appropriate for the second vehicle, the commissioner or [~~his or her~~] **the commissioner's** agent shall, upon the surrender of such number plates, furnish appropriate number plates.

3. Provided, however, that upon the death of an owner of a registered motor vehicle, motorcycle**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device** or trailer, its registration shall, unless the vehicle is destroyed, be deemed to continue in force as a valid registration until the end of the year or until the ownership of such vehicle is trans-

ferred by the executor or administrator of the estate of such owner or by the distributees of [~~his~~] **such owner's** personal property, whichever occurs first. If the ownership of such vehicle is transferred as exempt property under section 5-3.1 of the estates, powers and trusts law to the surviving spouse of the owner, the fee for the initial registration issued to such surviving spouse shall be the fee for such registration reduced by the amount of the fee remaining for the unexpired term of the registration issued to the deceased.

5. Provided, further, that a holder of manufacturers' and dealers' registration having a motor vehicle, motorcycle or trailer registered in [~~his or its~~] **such holder's** name under the provisions of this chapter may, if such vehicle is placed in stock for sale, also remove the number plates and be entitled to the same privileges as though the vehicle had been sold or destroyed.

7. Where a dealer having registration under the provisions of section four hundred fifteen of this chapter sells or trades a vehicle to a person who has another vehicle duly registered under this chapter, or who had another vehicle previously so registered, and the registration of such vehicle is eligible for transfer to the purchased vehicle under the provisions of this section and the number plates of the first vehicle are appropriate, such dealer may issue on any date on which the registration of a motor vehicle may be used a temporary certificate of registration of the second vehicle under which such vehicle may be operated as a duly registered vehicle for a period of thirty days from the date of issuance, other provisions of this chapter notwithstanding. Such temporary certificate of registration may be extended by the commissioner for an additional thirty days, except that in no event shall any such temporary certificate of registration be valid after the expiration date of the registration for the first vehicle. Such certificate shall be issued upon a form furnished by the commissioner and shall be executed in such manner as [~~he~~] **the commissioner** shall prescribe.

8. The owner of a registered motor vehicle, motorcycle**, high-speed electric personal assistive mobility device** or trailer may transfer the registration and, if appropriate, the number plates thereof to another vehicle owned by [~~him or her~~] **such owner** upon making application for such transfer, paying a transfer fee of ten dollars, and paying the proportionate excess, if any, of the annual fee for registering the second vehicle over the annual fee for registering the first vehicle for each day or fraction thereof constituting the unexpired registration period, provided, however, that the registration and number plates for the second vehicle, if such vehicle is registered in this state, are either surrendered to the commissioner or transferred to another vehicle as provided herein. If the number plates of the first vehicle are not appropriate for the second vehicle, the commissioner or [~~his or her~~] **the commissioner's** agent shall, upon the surrender of such number plates, furnish appropriate number plates. Whenever a total fee for reregistration prescribed in this section shall amount to a fee other than a whole dollar amount, the fee required to be paid shall be rounded to the nearest twenty-five cents.

§ 21. This act shall take effect one year after it shall have become a law; provided, however that the amendments to paragraph (b) of subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law made by section twelve of this act shall be subject to the repeal and reversion of such paragraph pursuant to section 4 of chapter 618 of the laws of 2021, as amended, when upon such date the provisions of section thirteen of this

act shall take effect; provided, further, that if section 1 of chapter 477 of the laws of 2024 has not taken effect than the amendments to paragraph (d) of subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, made by section fourteen of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 1 of chapter 477 of the laws of 2024, takes effect; and provided, further, that if section 4 of chapter 196 of the laws of 2024 has not taken effect than the amendments to subdivision (c) of section 605 of the vehicle and traffic law made by section seventeen of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 4 of chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, takes effect.