

# STATE OF NEW YORK

5519

2025-2026 Regular Sessions

## IN ASSEMBLY

February 14, 2025

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to stopping for a school bus on a public highway with six or more lanes

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

1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1174 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 597 of the laws of 1990, is amended to read  
3 as follows:  
4 (a) The driver of a vehicle upon a public highway, street or private  
5 road upon meeting or overtaking from either direction any school bus  
6 marked and equipped as provided in subdivision twenty of section three  
7 hundred seventy-five of this chapter which has stopped on the public  
8 highway, street or private road for the purpose of receiving or  
9 discharging any passengers, or which has stopped because a school bus in  
10 front of it has stopped to receive or discharge any passengers, shall  
11 stop the vehicle before reaching such school bus when there is in opera-  
12 tion on said school bus a red visual signal as specified in subdivision  
13 twenty of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter and said  
14 driver shall not proceed until such school bus resumes motion, or until  
15 signaled by the driver or a police officer to proceed. Provided, howev-  
16 er, that a vehicle shall not be required to stop for a school bus which  
17 is stopped for the purpose of receiving or discharging any passengers  
18 when such vehicle is traveling on a public highway composed of at least  
19 six lanes, is traveling in the opposite direction of the stopped school  
20 bus and is separated from such school bus by a median or permanent  
21 barrier. For the purposes of this section, and in addition to the  
22 provisions of section one hundred thirty-four of this chapter, the term  
23 "public highway" shall mean any area used for the parking of motor vehi-  
24 cles or used as a driveway located on the grounds of a school or of a

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

LBD05432-01-5

1 board of cooperative educational services facility or any area used as a  
2 means of access to and egress from such school or facility.  
3 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of July next succeeding  
4 the date on which it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the  
5 addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary  
6 for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized  
7 to be made and completed on or before such effective date.