STATE OF NEW YORK

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring police reports of traffic accidents to include insurance information for the parties to the accident

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

Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 603 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 196 of the laws of 2024, is amended to read as follows:

1. Every police or judicial officer to whom an accident resulting in injury to a person shall have been reported, pursuant to the foregoing provisions of this chapter or pursuant to the provisions of sections twelve hundred forty or twelve hundred forty-one of this chapter involving a bicycle with electric assist or pursuant to the provisions of sections twelve hundred eighty-seven or twelve hundred eighty-eight of this chapter, shall immediately investigate the facts, or cause the same to be investigated, and report the matter to the commissioner forthwith; provided, however, that the report of the accident is made to the police officer or judicial officer within five days after such accident. Every coroner, or other official performing like functions, shall likewise make a report to the commissioner with respect to all deaths found to have been the result of motor vehicle, motorcycle, electric scooter, or bicycle with electric assist accidents. Such report shall include information regarding the type or types of vehicles involved, including passenger motor vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, motorcycles, limited use motorcycles, off-highway motorcycles, electric scooters, bicycles with electric assist and/or bicycles. Such report shall include information on the width and length of trucks, tractors, trailers and semi-trailers, which are in excess of ninety-five inches in width or thirty-four feet in length and which are involved in such accidents, whether

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

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such accident took place in a work area and whether it was being operated with an overweight or overdimension permit. Such report shall distinctly indicate and include information as to whether the inflatable restraint system inflated and deployed. **Such report shall distinctly indicate and include information concerning the applicable insurance policies of each party to the accident.** Nothing contained in this subdivision shall be deemed to preclude a police officer from reporting any other accident which, in the judgment of such police officer, would be required to be reported to the commissioner by the operator of a vehicle pursuant to section six hundred five of this article.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that if chapter 196 of the laws of 2024 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then section one of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2024 takes effect. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.