STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 21, 2025

Introduced by Sen. GOUNARDES -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring every school bus to be equipped with a stop-arm on each side

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

Section 1. Subdivision 21-c of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 430 of the laws of 2001, is amended to read as follows:

21-c. **(a)** The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of transportation, shall promulgate rules and regulations for the use of stop-arms on school buses which shall include provisions for a second stop-arm to be located on the driver's side as close as is practical to the rear corner of the bus. Every school bus designed with a capacity of forty-five persons or more, and manufactured for use in this state on or after January first, two thousand two shall be equipped with a second stop-arm in compliance with such regulations.

(b) The commissioner shall further promulgate, in consultation with the commissioner of transportation, rules and regulations to require that every school bus, regardless of seating capacity, include a stop-arm on each side of the bus. No school bus shall be operated or driven upon the public highways of this state without a functioning stop-arm on each side of such bus.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after which it shall have become a law. 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.

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

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