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IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sens. OBERACKER, BORRELLO -- 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 providing a religious exemption for the requirement to have a photograph taken for a driver's license or learner's permit

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

1 Section 1. Section 507 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by
2 adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

3 6. Photograph religious exemption. A person shall not be required to
4 have their photograph taken for a driver's license or learner's permit
5 when such person holds genuine and sincere religious beliefs which are
6 contrary to having a photograph taken; provided, however, that licenses
7 issued without a photograph pursuant to this subdivision shall not be
8 used for proof of age required for entry to an establishment or purchase
9 of age-restricted products.

10 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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