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Introduced by Sens. GOUNARDES, HOYLMAN-SIGAL, KRUEGER -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT directing the department of transportation to conduct a study to evaluate the standard approach of setting or adjusting speed limits

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

Section 1. The department of transportation shall conduct a study to evaluate the standard approach to setting or adjusting speed limits in New York state, including:

(a) assessing all factors for setting or adjusting the speed limit;

(b) assessing the usage of 85th percentile rule in setting or adjusting the speed limit;

(c) evaluating the application of 85th percentile rule in setting or adjusting the speed limit and its correlation with traffic crashes; and

(d) evaluating alternative methods of 85th percentile rule to set or adjust speed limits with better impact (correlation) on preventing traffic crashes and provide recommendations on those alternative methods.

§ 2. For purposes of this act, "85th percentile rule" shall mean the speed at or below which 85 percent of all vehicles are traveling under free-flowing conditions.

§ 3. Within one year of the effective date of this act the department of transportation shall publish a report with the findings and recommendations of the study in a clear and conspicuous location on its website and shall deliver a copy to the legislature.

§ 4. 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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