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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to pedestrian warning devices for parking garages

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2 section 1686 to read as follows:

3 S 1686. ALL VEHICLES MUST STOP AT PARKING GARAGE EXITS. (A) AS USED IN  
4 THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS: 1.  
5 "EXIT" SHALL MEAN A POINT OF EGRESS OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH REQUIRES  
6 SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE TO CROSS A SIDEWALK.

7 2. "PARKING GARAGE" SHALL MEAN A BUILDING OR THAT PORTION OF A BUILD-  
8 ING DESIGNED OR USED FOR THE HOUSING, STORAGE OR PARKING OF TWENTY OR  
9 MORE MOTOR VEHICLES.

10 3. "PEDESTRIAN WARNING DEVICE" SHALL MEAN ANY DEVICE OR SYSTEM  
11 CONSISTING OF A MECHANISM WHICH DETECTS A MOTOR VEHICLE AS IT APPROACHES  
12 A PARKING GARAGE EXIT TO DEPART THEREFROM AND ACTIVATES A FLASHING  
13 YELLOW LIGHT POSITIONED AT THE EXTERIOR OF SUCH PARKING GARAGE EXIT  
14 WHICH IS VISIBLE TO PEDESTRIANS AND AN AUDIBLE WARNING SIGNAL CONSISTING  
15 OF AN INTERMITTENT SOUND NOT EXCEEDING 70 DB (A) MEASURED AT, OR  
16 ADJUSTED TO, A DISTANCE OF TEN FEET FROM SUCH EXIT. SUCH DEVICE SHALL  
17 NOT BE ACTIVATED FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME IN EXCESS OF TEN SECONDS AFTER  
18 THE ACTIVATING VEHICLE HAS CLEARED THE EXIT, EXCEPT AS ACTIVATED BY A  
19 SUBSEQUENT VEHICLE.

20 (B) ALL OWNERS OF PARKING GARAGES SHALL INSTALL, AT EACH EXIT THERE-  
21 FROM:

22 1. A PEDESTRIAN WARNING DEVICE;

23 2. A STOP SIGN;

24 3. THE FOLLOWING NOTICE IN A MANNER WHICH IS LEGIBLE AND CONSPICUOUS  
25 TO OPERATORS OF EXITING MOTOR VEHICLES: "STATE LAW REQUIRES VEHICLES TO  
26 YIELD THE RIGHT OF WAY TO PEDESTRIANS ON SIDEWALKS."; AND

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

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1 4. ON THE EXTERIOR OF EACH SUCH EXIT THE FOLLOWING NOTICE TO PEDESTRI-  
2 ANS: "CAUTION: EXITING VEHICLES." SUCH NOTICE SHALL BE POSTED IN A  
3 MANNER WHICH IS LEGIBLE AND CONSPICUOUS TO PEDESTRIANS.

4 (C) A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF UP TO  
5 TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH VIOLATION.

6 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after  
7 it shall have become a law.