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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to the licensing of drivers

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

Section 1. Subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(H) IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE IS CAPABLE OF UNDERSTANDING THE MEANING OF THE VARIOUS TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES USED IN THIS STATE AND OF COMPREHENDING ANY INSTRUCTIONS OR DIRECTIONS A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL AUTHORIZED TO REGULATE OR DIRECT TRAFFIC MAY GIVE, EACH APPLICANT SHALL DEMONSTRATE, IN A MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE COMMISSIONER, AN ABILITY TO READ, WRITE, UNDERSTAND AND SPEAK THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMINATIONS SHALL BE GIVEN ONLY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law and shall apply to all applicants seeking a driver's license on and after such date.

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

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