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Introduced by M. of A. KOLB, BURLING, ERRIGO, FINCH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. CALHOUN, CHRISTENSEN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to creating the highway safety act of 2009

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "highway safety act of 2009".

S 2. Subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (h) to read as follows:

(H) LANGUAGE. (I) ALL EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION, WHETHER WRITTEN OR OTHERWISE, SHALL BE CONDUCTED EXCLUSIVELY IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NEITHER SUPPLY NOR PERMIT THE USE OF INTERPRETERS IN CONNECTION WITH CONDUCTING EXAMINATIONS OF APPLICANTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(III) AN APPLICANT FOR A DRIVER'S LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION MUST BE ABLE TO READ AND SPEAK THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE SUFFICIENTLY TO CONVERSE WITH THE GENERAL PUBLIC, UNDERSTAND HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SIGNALS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, RESPOND TO OFFICIAL INQUIRIES, AND MAKE ENTRIES ON REPORTS AND RECORDS.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that the department of motor vehicles shall promulgate any rules and regulations necessary for the timely implementation of this act 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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