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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring  
all new motor vehicles sold in this state to be equipped with a blind  
spot monitoring device

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

1     Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 379 to read as follows:  
3     S 379. BLIND SPOT MONITORING DEVICE. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION,  
4     THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:  
5     A. "BLIND SPOT MONITORING DEVICE" SHALL MEAN A SYSTEM OF DIGITAL  
6     CAMERAS OR OTHER MEDIA RECORDING DEVICES FITTED WITHIN THE BODY OR ON  
7     THE EXTERIOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS CAPABLE OF MONITORING ALL BLIND  
8     SPOTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE AND WHICH GENERATES A WARNING  
9     TO THE OPERATOR OF SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE, BY MEANS OF A LIGHT, A BUZZER OR  
10    BOTH, WHEN ANY OBJECT IS DETECTED IN SUCH BLIND SPOT; AND  
11    B. "BLIND SPOT" SHALL MEAN AN AREA OF THE ROAD THAT CANNOT BE SEEN BY  
12    THE OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE LOOKING FORWARD OR THROUGH EITHER  
13    THE REAR-VIEW OR SIDE MIRRORS.  
14    2. COMMENCING WITH MODEL YEAR TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN AND EVERY MODEL YEAR  
15    THEREAFTER, EVERY AUTOMOBILE SOLD IN THIS STATE SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A  
16    BLIND SPOT MONITORING DEVICE. THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND  
17    DIRECTED TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMEN-  
18    TATION OF THIS SECTION.  
19    S 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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