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Introduced by Sens. DIAZ, ADAMS, DILAN, DUANE, FOLEY, HUNTLEY, KRUEGER, ONORATO, PARKER, PERKINS, SAMPSON, THOMPSON -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Aging -- recommitted to the Committee on Aging in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT in relation to authorizing the department of transportation to survey areas of the state with a high incidence of pedestrian accidents involving senior citizens

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

Section 1. The department of transportation, in consultation with the office for the aging, the department of motor vehicles, the governor's traffic safety committee, local police agencies, and any other agency or group the department of transportation deems necessary to enlist the aid of, shall conduct a statewide survey to determine areas with a high number of senior citizen residents and/or a high level of senior pedestrian traffic, and/or any incidence of senior citizen - motor vehicle accidents.

S 2. The commissioner of the department of transportation shall, utilizing the results of the survey required by section one of this act, undertake a comprehensive study of the feasibility of methods of mitigating dangers to pedestrians in any and all areas in which the survey required in section one of this act indicates such necessity. The study shall include, but not be limited to, the feasibility of building safety median islands permitting pedestrians to cross on two timing cycles; retiming of traffic signals; installation of crossing signs; installation of pedestrian warning signs; lowering of vehicle speed limits; and cost of implementing any recommendations emanating from the study.

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

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S 3. The commissioner of transportation shall report study results and make recommendations to the governor and legislature on or before April 1, 2012.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.