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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. LITTLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the highway law, in relation to directing the commissioner of transportation, upon a finding that a bridge has consistent structural defects and/or safety concerns, to establish and implement an emergency plan for the drivers and the communities affected by the closure of such bridge

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

Section 1. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of subdivision 3 of section 231 of the highway law, as added by chapter 781 of the laws of 1988, are amended and a new paragraph (f) is added to read as follows:

(d) make available training materials to persons performing maintenance and inspection pursuant to this article; [and]

(e) prescribe qualifications of bridge design, construction, and inspection experience for licensed professional engineers who may perform or supervise bridge inspections or evaluations in accordance with the provisions of this article[.]; AND

(F) UPON THE FINDING THAT A BRIDGE HAS CONSISTENT STRUCTURAL DEFECTS AND/OR SAFETY CONCERNS, AS DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM CODE OF BRIDGE INSPECTION ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO SECTION TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO OF THIS ARTICLE, ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT AN EMERGENCY PLAN FOR REROUTING THE TRAFFIC, AND FOR ASSISTING THE DRIVERS AND COMMUNITIES AFFECTED SHOULD A CLOSURE OF SUCH BRIDGE BE NECESSARY PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION TWO OF THIS SECTION.

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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