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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the state finance law, in relation to requiring ambulance drivers to complete special safety training courses

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

Section 1. Title 5 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new article 21-D to read as follows:

ARTICLE 21-D

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCE DRIVERS

SECTION 560. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCE DRIVERS.
561. PENALTIES.

S 560. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AMBULANCE DRIVERS. 1. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSURE UNDER THIS TITLE EVERY OPERATOR OF AN AMBULANCE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATORS SAFETY COURSE TO BE DESIGNED BY THE COMMISSIONER PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION. ON AND AFTER THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS SECTION, NO PERSON SHALL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE AN AMBULANCE WITHOUT PROOF OF SATISFACTORY COMPLETION OF SUCH COURSE. NO MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PRIVATE CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY WHICH OWNS OR LEASES AN AMBULANCE TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE SHALL PERMIT SUCH AMBULANCE TO BE OPERATED BY ANY PERSON WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED A SAFETY COURSE AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

2. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION THE TERM "AMBULANCE" SHALL MEAN ANY MOTOR VEHICLE USED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION THREE THOUSAND ONE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, WHETHER OWNED BY THE STATE, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OR BY A PRIVATE ENTITY.

3. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL DESIGN AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATORS SAFETY COURSE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SAFETY TRAINING FOR AMBULANCE DRIVERS. SUCH

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

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COURSE SHALL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF THE GENERAL RULES OF THE ROAD, BASIC SAFETY AND INSTRUCTION CONCERNING THE PARTICULAR AND INCREASED DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH OPERATION OF AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE.

S 561. PENALTIES. UPON CONVICTION FOR A VIOLATION OF ANY PROVISION OF THIS ARTICLE OR THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMISSIONER PROMULGATED PURSUANT THERETO, THE COURT SHALL IMPOSE A SENTENCE CONSISTING OF A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 97-pp of the state finance law is amended by adding a new subparagraph (ix) to read as follows:

(IX) COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH CONDUCTING OR PROVIDING FOR AN EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATORS SAFETY COURSE FOR AMBULANCE DRIVERS REQUIRED BY SECTION FIVE HUNDRED SIXTY OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law, provided that any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date is authorized to be promulgated on or before such date.