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Introduced by M. of A. PAULIN, SKARTADOS, SCHIMEL, PERRY, LATIMER, GALEF, MARKEY, MAYERSOHN, RAIA -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. GOTTFRIED, GUNTHER, McENENY, J. MILLER, SWEENEY, THIELE, TITONE, WEISENBERG -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to vehicles passing bicycles on roadways

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

Section 1. Paragraph 2 of subdivision (a) of section 1120 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 653 of the laws of 1964, is amended to read as follows:

2. When overtaking or passing BICYCLISTS, pedestrians, animals or obstructions on the right half of the roadway;

S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1122-a to read as follows:

S 1122-A. OVERTAKING A BICYCLE. THE OPERATOR OF A VEHICLE OVERTAKING, FROM BEHIND, A BICYCLE PROCEEDING ON THE SAME SIDE OF A ROADWAY SHALL PASS TO THE LEFT OF SUCH BICYCLE AT A SAFE DISTANCE UNTIL SAFELY CLEAR THEREOF.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.

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

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