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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring
certain drivers attend a mandatory driver safety course

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

1 Section 1. Section 604 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended to
2 read as follows:
3 S 604. Reports; contents; preparation; distribution; filing. 1.
4 Reports of accidents required under [the preceding] section SIX HUNDRED
5 THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, or under the rules and regulations of the commis-
6 sioner, shall be upon forms prepared by him OR HER and contain such
7 information as he OR SHE shall prescribe. Blank forms for such reports
8 shall be printed by the commissioner and a supply sent to all city, town
9 and village clerks and to the chief officer of every city police depart-
10 ment for general distribution and use as [herein] provided IN THIS ARTI-
11 CLE.
12 2. FORMS PREPARED BY THE COMMISSIONER FOR USE IN ACCIDENT REPORTING
13 SHALL CONTAIN A SECTION TO ASSESS THE LEVEL OF CARELESSNESS OR RECKLESS-
14 NESS OF THE DRIVER OR DRIVERS. THE COMMISSIONER, PURSUANT TO REGULATION,
15 SHALL DETERMINE WHAT LEVEL OF CARELESSNESS OR RECKLESSNESS SHALL REQUIRE
16 ATTENDANCE AT A MANDATORY DRIVER SAFETY COURSE PURSUANT TO SECTION SIX
17 HUNDRED FOUR-A OF THIS ARTICLE.
18 3. Reports of accidents, required under [the preceding] section SIX
19 HUNDRED THREE OF THIS ARTICLE, shall be sent to and filed with the
20 commissioner at the main office of the bureau of motor vehicles in the
21 city of Albany, except as otherwise provided by the rules and regu-
22 lations of the commissioner.
23 S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
24 604-a to read as follows:

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

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1 S 604-A. MANDATORY DRIVER SAFETY COURSE. PURSUANT TO INFORMATION
2 SUPPLIED ON AN ACCIDENT REPORT FORM FILED PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF
3 SECTION SIX HUNDRED FOUR OF THIS ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DETERMINE
4 WHETHER A DRIVER INVOLVED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO
5 ATTEND A DRIVER SAFETY COURSE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT. THE COMMIS-
6 SIONER SHALL PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO NOTIFYING THE
7 DRIVER OF HIS OR HER REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND A DRIVER SAFETY COURSE, AND
8 SANCTIONS TO BE IMPOSED UPON SUCH DRIVER IN THE EVENT THAT HE OR SHE
9 FAILS TO ATTEND SUCH DRIVER SAFETY COURSE. SUCH SANCTIONS MAY INCLUDE,
10 BUT NOT NECESSARILY BE LIMITED TO, SUSPENSION OF HIS OR HER DRIVERS'
11 LICENSE.

12 S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-
13 ing the date upon which it shall have become a law. Effective imme-
14 diately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation
15 necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are
16 authorized and directed to be made and completed on or before such
17 effective date.