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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring all new motor vehicles sold in this state to be equipped with a blind spot monitoring device

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 379 to read as follows:

S 379. BLIND SPOT MONITORING DEVICE. 1. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING MEANINGS:

A. "BLIND SPOT MONITORING DEVICE" SHALL MEAN A SYSTEM OF DIGITAL CAMERAS OR OTHER MEDIA RECORDING DEVICES FITTED WITHIN THE BODY OR ON THE EXTERIOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHICH IS CAPABLE OF MONITORING ALL BLIND SPOTS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE AND WHICH GENERATES A WARNING TO THE OPERATOR OF SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE, BY MEANS OF A LIGHT, A BUZZER OR BOTH, WHEN ANY OBJECT IS DETECTED IN SUCH BLIND SPOT; AND

B. "BLIND SPOT" SHALL MEAN AN AREA OF THE ROAD THAT CANNOT BE SEEN BY THE OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHILE LOOKING FORWARD OR THROUGH EITHER THE REAR-VIEW OR SIDE MIRRORS.

2. COMMENCING WITH MODEL YEAR TWO THOUSAND ELEVEN AND EVERY MODEL YEAR THEREAFTER, EVERY AUTOMOBILE SOLD IN THIS STATE SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A BLIND SPOT MONITORING DEVICE. THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED TO PROMULGATE RULES AND REGULATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION 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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