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Introduced by Sen. FUSCHILLO -- 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, in relation to the definitions of the terms "impaired" and "intoxication" for the purposes of such law

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

1     Section 1. Section 119-b of the vehicle and traffic law is renumbered  
2     119-c and a new section 119-b is added to read as follows:  
3     S 119-B. IMPAIRED. IMPAIRMENT IS REACHED WHEN A DRIVER HAS VOLUNTARILY  
4     CONSUMED OR INGESTED A SUBSTANCE OR COMBINATION OF SUBSTANCES TO THE  
5     EXTENT THAT THE DRIVER HAS IMPAIRED, TO ANY EXTENT, THE PHYSICAL AND  
6     MENTAL ABILITIES WHICH A DRIVER IS EXPECTED TO POSSESS IN ORDER TO OPER-  
7     ATE A VEHICLE AS A REASONABLE AND PRUDENT DRIVER.  
8     S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section  
9     120-a to read as follows:  
10    S 120-A. INTOXICATION. INTOXICATION IS A GREATER DEGREE OF IMPAIRMENT  
11    WHICH IS REACHED WHEN A DRIVER HAS VOLUNTARILY CONSUMED OR INGESTED A  
12    SUBSTANCE OR COMBINATION OF SUBSTANCES TO THE EXTENT THAT THE DRIVER IS  
13    INCAPABLE OF EMPLOYING THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL ABILITIES WHICH A DRIVER  
14    IS EXPECTED TO POSSESS IN ORDER TO OPERATE A VEHICLE AS A REASONABLE AND  
15    PRUDENT DRIVER.  
16    S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of November next succeed-  
17    ing 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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