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

AN ACT to authorize the department of transportation to conduct a study of the feasibility and impact of requiring commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with back-up sound warning devices and to prepare a report concerning its findings

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

Section 1. The department of transportation shall conduct a study to determine the feasibility of requiring commercial vehicles sold in and licensed to travel on the public roads of this state be fitted with apparatus or technology that emits a sound when the vehicle is placed in reverse gear and to establish a sound standard applicable to such apparatus or technology. The sound required should vary in such a way that it is noticeably different from other sounds emitted by a vehicle when the vehicle is engaged in other operations, including idling, accelerating or decelerating. In conducting the study, the department of transportation shall review all available research and literature regarding the use of such equipment and the impact of the presence of such equipment on the safety of pedestrians. The study need not prescribe the apparatus, technology, or method to be used by commercial vehicle manufacturers to achieve the required sound level. This study shall be completed within six months following the effective date of these provisions.

S 2. Upon completion of the study, the commissioner of transportation or his or her designee shall make a report, such report to be no longer than five pages, to the governor, the speaker of the assembly, the temporary president of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly and the minority leader of the senate of the findings, conclusions and recommendations arising from the study. This report shall be submitted no later than sixty days after completion of the study.

S 3. 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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