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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law and the executive law, in  
relation to enabling veterans to receive benefit information upon  
applying for or renewing a driver's license

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

1     Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by section 1 of part D of chapter 58 of the laws of  
3 2012, is amended to read as follows:  
4     1. Application for license. Application for a driver's license shall  
5 be made to the commissioner. The fee prescribed by law may be submitted  
6 with such application. The applicant shall furnish such proof of identi-  
7 ty, age, and fitness as may be required by the commissioner. The commis-  
8 sioner may also provide that the application procedure shall include the  
9 taking of a photo image or images of the applicant in accordance with  
10 rules and regulations prescribed by the commissioner. In addition, the  
11 commissioner also shall require that the applicant provide his or her  
12 social security number and provide space on the application so that the  
13 applicant may register in the New York state organ and tissue donor  
14 registry under section forty-three hundred ten of the public health law.  
15 IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT SPACE IS PROVIDED ON THE  
16 APPLICATION TO ENABLE ANY APPLICANT WHO HAS SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES  
17 OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ANY DURATION OF TIME, TO REGISTER TO RECEIVE  
18 INFORMATION FROM THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS BY EMAIL OR TELEPHONE  
19 REGARDING BENEFITS TO WHICH SUCH APPLICANT MAY BE ENTITLED AND THAT THE  
20 FOLLOWING IS STATED ON THE APPLICATION: "BY CHECKING THIS BOX, YOU  
21 CERTIFY THAT YOU SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND YOU  
22 GIVE PERMISSION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SHARE YOUR NAME  
23 AND CONTACT INFORMATION WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ENABLE  
24 THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO CONTACT YOU VIA EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR  
25 MAIL REGARDING BENEFITS TO WHICH YOU MAY BE ENTITLED". In addition, an  
26 applicant for a commercial driver's license who will operate a commer-  
27 cial motor vehicle in interstate commerce shall certify that such appli-

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

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1 cant meets the requirements to operate a commercial motor vehicle, as  
2 set forth in public law 99-570, title XII, and title 49 of the code of  
3 federal regulations, and all regulations promulgated by the United  
4 States secretary of transportation under the hazardous materials trans-  
5 portation act. In addition, an applicant for a commercial driver's  
6 license shall submit a medical certificate at such intervals as required  
7 by the federal motor carrier safety improvement act of 1999 and Part  
8 383.71(h) of title 49 of the code of federal regulations relating to  
9 medical certification and in a manner prescribed by the commissioner.  
10 For purposes of this section and sections five hundred three, five  
11 hundred ten-a, and five hundred ten-aa of this title, the terms "medical  
12 certificate" and "medical certification" shall mean a form substantially  
13 in compliance with the form set forth in Part 391.43(h) of title 49 of  
14 the code of federal regulations. Upon a determination that the holder of  
15 a commercial driver's license has made any false statement, with respect  
16 to the application for such license, the commissioner shall revoke such  
17 license.

18 S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 6 of section 502 of the vehicle and  
19 traffic law, as amended by section 3 of part K of chapter 59 of the laws  
20 of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

21 (a) A license issued pursuant to subdivision five of this section  
22 shall be valid until the expiration date contained thereon, unless such  
23 license is suspended, revoked or cancelled. Such license may be renewed  
24 by submission of an application for renewal, the fee prescribed by law,  
25 proofs of prior licensing, fitness and acceptable vision prescribed by  
26 the commissioner, the applicant's social security number, and if  
27 required by the commissioner a photo image of the applicant in such  
28 numbers and form as the commissioner shall prescribe. IN ADDITION, THE  
29 COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT SPACE IS PROVIDED ON THE APPLICATION FOR  
30 RENEWAL TO ENABLE ANY APPLICANT WHO HAS SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF  
31 THE UNITED STATES TO REGISTER TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE DIVISION  
32 OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS BY EMAIL OR TELEPHONE REGARDING BENEFITS TO WHICH  
33 SUCH APPLICANT MAY BE ENTITLED AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS STATED ON THE  
34 APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL: "BY CHECKING THIS BOX, YOU CERTIFY THAT YOU  
35 SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND YOU GIVE PERMISSION  
36 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SHARE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT  
37 INFORMATION WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ENABLE THE DIVI-  
38 SION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO CONTACT YOU VIA EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR MAIL  
39 REGARDING BENEFITS TO WHICH YOU MAY BE ENTITLED". In addition, an appli-  
40 cant for renewal of a license containing a hazardous material endorse-  
41 ment shall pass an examination to retain such endorsement. The commis-  
42 sioner shall, with respect to the renewal of a hazardous materials  
43 endorsement, comply with the requirements imposed upon states by  
44 sections 383.141 and 1572.13 of title 49 of the code of federal regu-  
45 lations. A renewal of such license shall be issued by the commissioner  
46 upon approval of such application, except that no such license shall be  
47 issued if its issuance would be inconsistent with the provisions of  
48 section five hundred sixteen of this title, and except that the commis-  
49 sioner may refuse to renew such license if the applicant is the holder  
50 of a currently valid or renewable license to drive issued by another  
51 state or foreign country unless the applicant surrenders such license.

52 S 3. Subdivision 3 of section 490 of the vehicle and traffic law is  
53 amended by adding a new paragraph (d) to read as follows:

54 (D) IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT SPACE IS PROVIDED  
55 ON THE APPLICATION AND THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO ENABLE ANY APPLI-  
56 CANT WHO HAS SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES TO REGISTER

1 TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS BY EMAIL,  
2 TELEPHONE OR MAIL REGARDING BENEFITS TO WHICH SUCH APPLICANT MAY BE  
3 ENTITLED AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS STATED ON THE APPLICATION AND APPLI-  
4 CATION FOR RENEWAL: "BY CHECKING THIS BOX, YOU CERTIFY THAT YOU SERVED  
5 IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND YOU GIVE PERMISSION TO THE  
6 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SHARE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION  
7 WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ENABLE THE DIVISION OF VETER-  
8 ANS' AFFAIRS TO CONTACT YOU VIA EMAIL OR TELEPHONE REGARDING BENEFITS TO  
9 WHICH YOU MAY BE ENTITLED".

10 S 4. Section 508 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a  
11 new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

12 6. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL APPOINT AGENTS TO ACT ON HIS OR HER BEHALF  
13 TO COLLECT, STORE AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO THE DIVISION OF VETERANS'  
14 AFFAIRS THE NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION OF AN APPLICANT WHO SERVED IN  
15 THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES FOR ANY DURATION OF TIME AND WHO  
16 REQUESTS TO RECEIVE BENEFIT INFORMATION FROM THE DIVISION OF VETERANS'  
17 AFFAIRS PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISION ONE OR PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION SIX  
18 OF SECTION FIVE HUNDRED TWO OF THIS ARTICLE.

19 S 5. Section 353 of the executive law is amended by adding a new  
20 subdivision 21 to read as follows:

21 21. TO COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES PURSUANT TO  
22 SUBDIVISION ONE OR PARAGRAPH (A) OF SUBDIVISION SIX OF SECTION FIVE  
23 HUNDRED TWO OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW TO RETRIEVE NAME AND CONTACT  
24 INFORMATION OF APPLICANTS WHO SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED  
25 STATES FOR ANY DURATION OF TIME WHO ARE APPLYING FOR OR RENEWING THEIR  
26 DRIVER'S LICENSES AND WHO REQUEST TO BE CONTACTED BY THE DIVISION VIA  
27 EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR MAIL REGARDING BENEFITS TO WHICH THEY MAY BE ENTI-  
28 TLED.

29 S 6. Subdivision 3 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as  
30 amended by chapter 458 of the laws of 2011, is amended to read as  
31 follows:

32 3. Application for learner's permit. An application for a learner's  
33 permit shall be included in the application for a license. THE COMMIS-  
34 SIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT SPACE IS PROVIDED ON THE APPLICATION TO ENABLE  
35 ANY APPLICANT WHO HAS SERVED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES  
36 FOR ANY DURATION OF TIME, TO REGISTER OR RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM THE  
37 DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS BY EMAIL OR TELEPHONE REGARDING BENEFITS  
38 TO WHICH SUCH APPLICANT MAY BE ENTITLED AND THAT THE FOLLOWING IS STATED  
39 ON THE APPLICATION: "BY CHECKING THIS BOX, YOU CERTIFY THAT YOU SERVED  
40 IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES AND YOU GIVE PERMISSION TO THE  
41 DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO SHARE YOUR NAME AND CONTACT INFORMATION  
42 WITH THE DIVISION OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS TO ENABLE THE DIVISION OF VETER-  
43 ANS' AFFAIRS TO CONTACT YOU VIA EMAIL, TELEPHONE OR MAIL REGARDING BENE-  
44 FITS TO WHICH YOU MAY BE ENTITLED". A learner's permit shall be issued  
45 in such form as the commissioner shall determine but shall not be issued  
46 unless the applicant has successfully passed the vision test required by  
47 this section and the test set forth in paragraph (a) of subdivision four  
48 of this section with respect to laws relating to traffic and ability to  
49 read and comprehend traffic signs and symbols and has satisfactorily  
50 completed any course required pursuant to paragraph (a) of subdivision  
51 four of this section. Upon acceptance of an application for a learner's  
52 permit the commissioner shall provide the applicant with a driver's  
53 manual which includes but is not limited to the laws relating to traf-  
54 fic, the laws relating to and physiological effects of driving while  
55 ability impaired and driving while intoxicated, the law for exercising  
56 due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing author-

1 ized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section eleven  
2 hundred forty-four-a of this chapter, explanations of traffic signs and  
3 symbols and such other matters as the commissioner may prescribe.  
4 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.