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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring that the five hour pre-licensing course include a motorcycle safety and awareness component, and that the driver's license examination include two questions concerning motorcycle safety and awareness

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of
2 section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 387 of
3 the laws of 2010, is amended to read as follows:
4 (i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the
5 applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence
6 of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the
7 laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicat-
8 ed, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", or "Work Zone Safe-
9 ty" awareness as defined by the commissioner, the law relating to exer-
10 cising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing
11 authorized emergency vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-
12 four-a of this chapter, the ability to read and comprehend traffic signs
13 and symbols and such other matters as the commissioner may prescribe,
14 and to satisfactorily complete a course prescribed by the commissioner
15 of not less than four hours and not more than five hours, consisting of
16 classroom driver training, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS INSTRUCTION
17 and highway safety instruction or the equivalent thereof. Such test
18 shall include at least seven written questions concerning the effects of
19 consumption of alcohol or drugs on the ability of a person to operate a

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

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1 motor vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from
2 violations of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohib-
3 iting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of
4 alcohol or drugs. Such test shall include one or more written questions
5 concerning the devastating effects of "Road Rage" on the ability of a
6 person to operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial conse-
7 quences resulting from assaulting, threatening or interfering with the
8 lawful conduct of another person legally using the roadway. Such test
9 shall include one or more questions concerning the potential dangers to
10 persons and equipment resulting from the unsafe operation of a motor
11 vehicle in a work zone. SUCH TEST SHALL INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO WRITTEN
12 QUESTIONS CONCERNING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS AND THE POTENTIAL
13 DANGERS TO MOTORCYCLISTS RESULTING FROM THE UNSAFE BEHAVIOR OF A DRIVER
14 OR OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHARING THE ROADWAYS WITH SUCH MOTORCY-
15 CLISTS. Such test may include one or more questions concerning the law
16 for exercising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or
17 standing authorized emergency vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred
18 forty-four-a of this chapter. Such test shall be administered by the
19 commissioner. The commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a
20 vision test and a test for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision
21 test, the application may be accepted and the application fee shall be
22 payable.

23 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.