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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to stopping at  
the exits of parking garages in cities with a population of one  
million or more

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

1     Section 1. Section 1173 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by  
2 chapter 603 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:  
3     S 1173. Emerging from alley, driveway, private road or building. 1.  
4 The driver of a vehicle emerging from an alley, driveway, private road  
5 or building shall stop such vehicle immediately prior to driving onto a  
6 sidewalk extending across any alleyway, building entrance, road or  
7 driveway, or in the event there is no sidewalk, shall stop at the point  
8 nearest the roadway to be entered where the driver has a view of  
9 approaching traffic thereon.  
10    2. (A) IN ANY CITY HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, THE  
11 DRIVER OF A VEHICLE EMERGING FROM A PARKING GARAGE SHALL STOP SUCH VEHI-  
12 CLE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DRIVING ONTO A SIDEWALK EXTENDING ACROSS ANY  
13 EXIT FROM SUCH PARKING GARAGE, OR IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO SIDEWALK,  
14 SHALL STOP AT THE POINT NEAREST THE ROADWAY TO BE ENTERED WHERE THE  
15 DRIVER HAS A VIEW OF APPROACHING TRAFFIC THEREON.  
16    (B) IN ALL CITIES HAVING A POPULATION OF ONE MILLION OR MORE, THE  
17 LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHALL ERECT, OR CAUSE TO BE ERECTED, APPROPRIATE SIGNS  
18 REQUIRING STOPPING AT ALL EXITS OF ALL PARKING GARAGES. THE FAILURE TO  
19 ERECT, OR THE ERECTION OF OR FAILURE TO REPLACE OR MAINTAIN SUCH SIGNS  
20 SHALL NOT BE A BASIS FOR ANY ACTION OF NEGLIGENCE AGAINST SUCH A CITY OR  
21 THE STATE NOR A BASIS OF A DEFENSE BY ANY OPERATOR OR OWNER OF A MOTOR  
22 VEHICLE IN AN ACTION BASED ON NEGLIGENCE AGAINST ANY OPERATOR OR OWNER  
23 OF A MOTOR VEHICLE.

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

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1     S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after  
2     it shall have become a law; provided that the local authorities of any  
3     city having a population of one million or more are authorized to  
4     promulgate any and all rules and regulations and take any other measures  
5     necessary to implement this act on its effective date on or before such  
6     date.