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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to vehicle operation on approach of authorized emergency vehicles

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

Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1144 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting red OR BLUE light visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five hundred feet to the front of such vehicle other than a police vehicle or bicycle when operated as an authorized emergency vehicle INCLUDING VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, and when audible signals are sounded from any said vehicle by siren, exhaust whistle, bell, air-horn or electronic equivalent; the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway, or to either edge of a one-way roadway three or more lanes in width, clear of any intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the authorized emergency vehicle has passed, unless otherwise directed by a police officer.

S 2. 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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