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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 ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Subdivision 1 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic
2 law, as amended by section 2 of part CC of chapter 58 of the laws of
3 2011, 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 identity,
7 age, and fitness as may be required by the commissioner. The commissioner
8 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

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

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

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

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

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

55 (D) IN ADDITION, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ENSURE THAT SPACE IS PROVIDED
56 ON THE APPLICATION AND THE APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL TO ENABLE ANY APPLI-

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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