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I N S E N A T E

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Introduced by Sen. FUSCHILLO -- (at request of the Department of Transportation) -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to roundabouts and certain technical corrections relating to lane-use control signal indications, circular intersections and railroad grade crossings

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

1 Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new
2 section 106 to read as follows:
3 S 106. CIRCULATORY ROADWAY. THE ROADWAY WITHIN A CIRCULAR INTER-
4 SECTION ON WHICH TRAFFIC TRAVELS IN A COUNTERCLOCKWISE DIRECTION AROUND
5 A CENTRAL ISLAND.
6 S 2. Section 120 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a
7 new subdivision (c) to read as follows:
8 (C) A CIRCULAR INTERSECTION CONTAINS AN ISLAND, GENERALLY CIRCULAR IN
9 DESIGN, LOCATED IN THE CENTER OF THE INTERSECTION WHERE TRAFFIC PASSES
10 TO THE RIGHT OF THE ISLAND.
11 S 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
12 140-d to read as follows:
13 S 140-D. ROUNDABOUT. A CIRCULAR INTERSECTION WHICH IS CHARACTERIZED
14 BY A CIRCULATORY ROADWAY WITH COUNTERCLOCKWISE MOVEMENT, CHANNELIZED
15 APPROACHES, LOW SPEEDS, AND YIELD CONTROL OF ENTERING TRAFFIC. A ROUND-
16 ABOUT ENCOMPASSES THE AREA BOUNDED BY THE OUTERMOST CURB LINE OR, IF
17 THERE IS NO CURB, THE EDGE OF THE PAVEMENT, AND INCLUDES CROSSWALKS ON
18 ANY ENTERING OR EXITING ROADWAY.
19 S 4. Section 1116 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-
20 ter 356 of the laws of 1971, is amended to read as follows:
21 S 1116. [Lane direction] LANE-USE control SIGNAL indications. Whenever
22 traffic is controlled by [lane direction] LANE-USE control [signals]
23 SIGNAL INDICATIONS located over the individual lanes of a highway, only
24 the colors green, yellow, WHITE and red shall be used, and said signals
25 shall indicate and apply as follows:

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

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1 (a) Traffic facing a steady downward [pointing] green arrow signal
2 [may travel in any lane over which such signal is located] INDICATION
3 IS PERMITTED TO DRIVE IN THE LANE OVER WHICH THE ARROW SIGNAL INDICATION
4 IS LOCATED.

5 (b) Traffic facing a steady yellow X signal [is thereby warned that
6 the related green downward arrow indication is being terminated and that
7 a red X indication will be exhibited immediately thereafter and such
8 traffic shall vacate, in a safe manner, the lane over which such signal
9 is located] INDICATION SHALL PREPARE TO VACATE THE LANE OVER WHICH THE
10 SIGNAL INDICATION IS LOCATED BECAUSE A LANE CONTROL CHANGE IS BEING MADE
11 TO A STEADY RED X SIGNAL INDICATION.

12 (c) Traffic facing a [flashing yellow X signal may travel in any lane
13 over which such signal is shown preparatory to making a left turn, using
14 proper caution] STEADY WHITE TWO-WAY LEFT-TURN ARROW SIGNAL INDICATION
15 IS PERMITTED TO USE A LANE OVER WHICH THE SIGNAL INDICATION IS LOCATED
16 FOR A LEFT TURN, BUT NOT FOR THROUGH TRAVEL, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT
17 COMMON USE OF THE LANE BY ONCOMING ROAD USERS FOR LEFT TURNS IS ALSO
18 PERMITTED.

19 (d) Traffic facing a [steady red X signal shall not enter or travel in
20 any lane over which such signal is located] STEADY WHITE ONE WAY
21 LEFT-TURN ARROW SIGNAL INDICATION IS PERMITTED TO USE A LANE OVER WHICH
22 THE SIGNAL INDICATION IS LOCATED FOR A LEFT TURN (WITHOUT OPPOSING TURNS
23 IN THE SAME LANE), BUT NOT FOR THROUGH TRAVEL.

24 (E) TRAFFIC FACING A STEADY RED X SIGNAL SHALL NOT USE THE LANE OVER
25 WHICH THE SIGNAL INDICATION IS LOCATED AND THIS SIGNAL INDICATION SHALL
26 MODIFY ACCORDINGLY THE MEANING OF OTHER TRAFFIC CONTROLS PRESENT.

27 S 5. Section 1127 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended to read as
28 follows:

29 S 1127. One-way roadways and [rotary traffic islands] AND CIRCULAR
30 INTERSECTIONS. (a) Upon a roadway designated and signposted for one-way
31 traffic, a vehicle shall be driven only in the direction designated.

32 (b) A vehicle passing around a [rotary traffic island] CIRCULAR INTER-
33 SECTION shall be driven only to the right of [such] THE island unless
34 otherwise indicated by traffic control devices.

35 S 6. Section 1685 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chap-
36 ter 217 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:

37 S 1685. All vehicles must stop OR YIELD at certain railroad grade
38 crossings where a stop OR YIELD sign is erected. The state transporta-
39 tion commissioner, with respect to state highways, and local authorities
40 with respect to local streets within their jurisdiction, with the
41 approval of the state transportation commissioner are hereby authorized
42 to install a stop OR YIELD sign at any highway-railroad crossings within
43 their respective jurisdictions.

44 The design and place and manner of installation of such signs shall
45 conform to the manual and specifications for a uniform system of traffic
46 control devices adopted by the state transportation commissioner.

47 Whenever any such crossing is so designated and a stop OR YIELD sign
48 is installed, it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle to fail
49 to stop OR YIELD within fifty feet but not less than fifteen feet from
50 such railroad tracks before traversing such crossing. The failure to
51 erect, or the erection of, or failure to replace or maintain such signs
52 shall not be a basis for any action of negligence against a municipality
53 or the state nor a basis of a defense by a railroad in an action based
54 on negligence against a railroad.

55 S 7. This act shall take effect immediately.