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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to creating a pilot program in Suffolk county for the use of accessible pedestrian-control signals on state roads; making an appropriation therefor; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

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

1 Section 1. Section 1652-b of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by
2 chapter 812 of the laws of 1972, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 1652-b. (A) Supervision and installation of traffic devices in
4 Suffolk county. The county superintendent of highways of Suffolk county
5 may, when authorized by the Suffolk county governing board, erect and
6 maintain traffic signs, signals and markings on, and provide traffic
7 engineering services in relation to any highway, road or street within a
8 town or village within such county, except state highways maintained by
9 the state, providing the governing body of the town or village having
10 jurisdiction over such highway, road or street determines on the basis
11 of an engineering and traffic investigation that such traffic signs,
12 signals and markings are necessary, issues any necessary ordinance,
13 order, rule or regulation with respect thereto, consents to the erection
14 and maintenance of such traffic signs, signals and markings by the county and consents thereto by written agreement with the Suffolk county governing board as to the extent of the authority and responsibility of the county superintendent of highways of Suffolk county and any apportionment of costs for the erection and maintenance of signs, signals and markings and traffic engineering services. The power granted to the Suffolk county superintendent of highways by this section shall in no way diminish any power over roads granted to him by law but shall be in addition to any such powers.

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

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(B) THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS OF SUFFOLK COUNTY SHALL CONDUCT A PILOT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO EVALUATE THE USE OF ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN-CONTROL SIGNALS.

1. "ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN-CONTROL SIGNAL" MEANS A DEVICE THAT COMMUNICATES INFORMATION ABOUT PEDESTRIAN TIMING IN NON-VISUAL FORMAT SUCH AS AUDIBLE TONES, SPEECH MESSAGES, AND/OR VIBRATING SURFACES.

2. THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE THAT EACH CROSSWALK LOCATED ON A STATE ROAD IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, AS DESIGNATED IN SUBDIVISION FORTY-NINE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE OF THE HIGHWAY LAW, THAT IS EQUIPPED WITH A PEDESTRIAN-CONTROL SIGNAL INDICATOR, AS DEFINED IN SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED TWELVE OF THIS CHAPTER, SHALL HAVE AN ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN-CONTROL SIGNAL WHICH INCLUDES AUDIBLE INDICATIONS OF THE WALK INTERVAL BY SPEECH MESSAGE.

3. WITHIN FIVE YEARS OF THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBDIVISION, THE SUFFOLK COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE TEMPORARY PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY ON THE PILOT PROGRAM AND ITS RESULTS. SUCH RESULTS SHALL INCLUDE RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO THE FUTURE USE OF ACCESSIBLE PEDESTRIAN-CONTROL SIGNALS.

S 2. The sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the state treasury in the general fund to the credit of the state purposes fund, not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. Such moneys shall be payable on the audit and warrant of the comptroller on vouchers certified or approved by the county superintendent of highways of Suffolk county in the manner prescribed by law.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law and shall expire 5 years after such effective date when upon such date the provisions of this act shall be deemed repealed.