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AN ACT to amend the penal law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to safety in active work zones

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

1 Section 1. The penal law is amended by adding two new sections 120.75
2 and 120.80 to read as follows:
3 S 120.75 VEHICULAR ASSAULT IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE SECOND DEGREE.
4 1. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF VEHICULAR ASSAULT IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN
5 THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN, WITH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE, HE OR SHE:
6 A. ENTERS OR INTRUDES INTO AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE WITHOUT PERMISSION
7 WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND
8 B. SUCH ENTRY OR INTRUSION CAUSES SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER
9 PERSON.
10 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:
11 A. "ACTIVE WORK ZONE" SHALL MEAN THE PHYSICAL AREA OF A HIGHWAY,
12 STREET OR PRIVATE ROAD ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE OR UTILITY
13 WORK IS BEING CONDUCTED, WHICH AREA IS MARKED BY SIGNS, CHANNELING
14 DEVICES, BARRIERS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AND/OR WORK VEHICLES, AND WHERE
15 WORKERS ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT; AND
16 B. "PERMISSION" SHALL MEAN DIRECTION FROM A FLAG PERSON, POLICE OFFI-
17 CER OR OTHER VISIBLY DESIGNATED PERSON IN CHARGE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL OR
18 DIRECTION FROM A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE REGULATING ENTRY THEREIN.
19 VEHICULAR ASSAULT IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS A
20 CLASS E FELONY.
21 S 120.80 VEHICULAR ASSAULT IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

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

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1 1. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF VEHICULAR ASSAULT IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN
2 THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE RECKLESSLY:

3 A. ENTERS OR INTRUDES INTO AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE WITHOUT PERMISSION
4 WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

5 B. SUCH ENTRY OR INTRUSION CAUSES SERIOUS PHYSICAL INJURY TO ANOTHER
6 PERSON.

7 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

8 A. "ACTIVE WORK ZONE" SHALL MEAN THE PHYSICAL AREA OF A HIGHWAY,
9 STREET OR PRIVATE ROAD ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE OR UTILITY
10 WORK IS BEING CONDUCTED, WHICH AREA IS MARKED BY SIGNS, CHANNELING
11 DEVICES, BARRIERS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AND/OR WORK VEHICLES, AND WHERE
12 WORKERS ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT; AND

13 B. "PERMISSION" SHALL MEAN DIRECTION FROM A FLAG PERSON, POLICE OFFI-
14 CER OR OTHER VISIBLY DESIGNATED PERSON IN CHARGE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL OR
15 DIRECTION FROM A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE REGULATING ENTRY THEREIN.

16 VEHICULAR ASSAULT IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A
17 CLASS D FELONY.

18 S 2. The penal law is amended by adding two new sections 125.65 and
19 125.70 to read as follows:

20 S 125.65 VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE SECOND
21 DEGREE.

22 1. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE
23 IN THE SECOND DEGREE WHEN, WITH CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE, HE OR SHE:

24 (A) ENTERS OR INTRUDES INTO AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE WITHOUT PERMISSION
25 WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

26 (B) SUCH ENTRY OR INTRUSION CAUSES THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON.

27 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

28 (A) "ACTIVE WORK ZONE" SHALL MEAN THE PHYSICAL AREA OF A HIGHWAY,
29 STREET OR PRIVATE ROAD ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE OR UTILITY
30 WORK IS BEING CONDUCTED, WHICH AREA IS MARKED BY SIGNS, CHANNELING
31 DEVICES, BARRIERS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AND/OR WORK VEHICLES, AND WHERE
32 WORKERS ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT; AND

33 (B) "PERMISSION" SHALL MEAN DIRECTION FROM A FLAG PERSON, POLICE OFFI-
34 CER OR OTHER VISIBLY DESIGNATED PERSON IN CHARGE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL OR
35 DIRECTION FROM A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE REGULATING ENTRY THEREIN.

36 VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE SECOND DEGREE IS
37 A CLASS C FELONY.

38 S 125.70 VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE FIRST
39 DEGREE.

40 1. A PERSON IS GUILTY OF VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE
41 IN THE FIRST DEGREE WHEN HE OR SHE RECKLESSLY:

42 (A) ENTERS OR INTRUDES INTO AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE WITHOUT PERMISSION
43 WHILE OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE; AND

44 (B) SUCH ENTRY OR INTRUSION CAUSES THE DEATH OF ANOTHER PERSON.

45 2. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION:

46 (A) "ACTIVE WORK ZONE" SHALL MEAN THE PHYSICAL AREA OF A HIGHWAY,
47 STREET OR PRIVATE ROAD ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE OR UTILITY
48 WORK IS BEING CONDUCTED, WHICH AREA IS MARKED BY SIGNS, CHANNELING
49 DEVICES, BARRIERS, PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AND/OR WORK VEHICLES, AND WHERE
50 WORKERS ARE PHYSICALLY PRESENT; AND

51 (B) "PERMISSION" SHALL MEAN DIRECTION FROM A FLAG PERSON, POLICE OFFI-
52 CER OR OTHER VISIBLY DESIGNATED PERSON IN CHARGE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL OR
53 DIRECTION FROM A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE REGULATING ENTRY THEREIN.

54 VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER IN AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE IN THE FIRST DEGREE IS A
55 CLASS B FELONY.

1 S 3. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section
2 1221-a to read as follows:
3 S 1221-A. INTRUSION INTO AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE. 1. NO DRIVER OF A VEHI-
4 CLE SHALL ENTER OR INTRUDE INTO AN ACTIVE WORK ZONE EXCEPT UPON DIREC-
5 TION FROM A FLAG PERSON, POLICE OFFICER OR OTHER VISIBLY DESIGNATED
6 PERSON IN CHARGE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL OR DIRECTION FROM A TRAFFIC CONTROL
7 DEVICE REGULATING ENTRY THEREIN. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM
8 "ACTIVE WORK ZONE" SHALL MEAN THE PHYSICAL AREA OF A HIGHWAY, STREET OR
9 PRIVATE ROAD ON WHICH CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE OR UTILITY WORK IS BEING
10 CONDUCTED, WHICH AREA IS MARKED BY SIGNS, CHANNELING DEVICES, BARRIERS,
11 PAVEMENT MARKINGS, AND/OR WORK VEHICLES, AND WHERE WORKERS ARE PHYS-
12 ICALLY PRESENT.
13 2. A VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF THIS SECTION SHALL CONSTITUTE A
14 CLASS B MISDEMEANOR PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED
15 FIFTY DOLLARS NOR MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, OR BY A PERIOD OF
16 IMPRISONMENT NOT TO EXCEED THREE MONTHS, OR BY BOTH SUCH FINE AND IMPRI-
17 SONMENT.
18 S 4. This act shall take effect immediately.