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Introduced by M. of A. ROBERTS, FINCH, LINARES, WEISENBERG, COOK, WEPRIN, CASTRO, BOYLAND -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. ARROYO, CALHOUN, P. RIVERA, SCARBOROUGH, STEVENSON -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring tow truck operators to light emergency flares when providing assistance on public highways, streets or roadways

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

Section 1. Short title. This act shall be known and may be cited as "Todd's law".

S 2. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1224-a to read as follows:

S 1224-A. USE OF EMERGENCY FLARES BY TOW TRUCK OPERATORS. ANY PERSON OPERATING A TOW TRUCK AS DEFINED IN SECTION ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT-B OF THIS CHAPTER WHO IN THE REGULAR COURSE OF BUSINESS PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO A DISABLED, ILLEGALLY PARKED OR ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE OR A MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT ON ANY HIGHWAY, STREET OR ROADWAY OPEN TO PUBLIC MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC, SHALL LIGHT A SERIES OF EMERGENCY ROAD FLARES EVERY ONE HUNDRED FEET BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY THREE HUNDRED FEET AWAY FROM THE REAR FENDER OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE REQUIRING ASSISTANCE UP TO THE FRONT FENDER OF THE TOW TRUCK. A VIOLATION OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE PUNISHABLE BY A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE DOLLARS.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the thirtieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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