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I N A S S E M B L Y

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to prohibiting  
the use of mobile telephones by operators of motor vehicles who hold  
learner's permits

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

1 Section 1. Subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 1225-c of the vehicle and  
2 traffic law, as added by chapter 69 of the laws of 2001, are amended to  
3 read as follows:  
4 3. Subdivision two of this section shall not apply to (a) the use of a  
5 mobile telephone for the sole purpose of communicating with any of the  
6 following regarding an emergency situation: an emergency response opera-  
7 tor; a hospital, physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance  
8 company or corps; a fire department, district or company; or a police  
9 department, (b) any of the following persons while in the performance of  
10 their official duties: a police officer or peace officer; a member of a  
11 fire department, district or company; or the operator of an authorized  
12 emergency vehicle as defined in section one hundred one of this chapter,  
13 or (c) the use of a hands-free mobile telephone, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT  
14 THE USE OF A HANDS-FREE MOBILE TELEPHONE SHALL BE PROHIBITED FOR AN  
15 OPERATOR OF A MOTOR VEHICLE WHO IS A HOLDER OF A LEARNER'S PERMIT.  
16 4. A violation of subdivision two OR PARAGRAPH (C) OF SUBDIVISION  
17 THREE of this section shall be a traffic infraction and shall be punish-  
18 able by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.  
19 S 2. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
20 have become a law.

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

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