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Introduced by Sens. DILAN, DIAZ -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to signs on school buses

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

Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (b) and paragraph (c) of subdivision 20 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, subparagraph 1 of paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of 1992 and paragraph (c) as amended by chapter 96 of the laws of 1973, are amended to read as follows:

(1) In addition to such signal lamps, two signs shall be conspicuously displayed [on the exterior] CENTERED ON THE UPPER FRONT OF REAR EXTERIOR BODY SURFACES of every such omnibus designating it as a school omnibus by the use of the words "SCHOOL BUS" [which]. SUCH SIGNS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED WITH REFLECTORIZED TYPE III MATERIAL AS REQUIRED BY 49 CFR 571.131 S6.1 TABLE 1 FOR BOTH THE BACKGROUND AND LETTERING. THE BACKGROUND SHALL BE NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS CHROME AND THE LETTERING SHALL BE BLACK. THE LETTERING shall be painted or otherwise inscribed thereon in black letters. [Such letters] THE LETTERING shall be of uniform size, at least eight inches in height, and each stroke of each letter shall be not less than one inch in width. [The background of each such sign shall be painted the color known as "national school bus chrome." For each such omnibus having a seating capacity in excess of fifteen children, such signs shall be securely mounted on top of such vehicle, one of which shall be affixed on the front and one on the rear thereof.] For each such omnibus having a seating capacity of not more than fifteen children, such signs shall be securely mounted on top of such vehicle, one of which shall face the front and one of which shall face the rear

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

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[thereof]. [Each] ALL such [sign] "SCHOOL BUS" SIGNS shall be visible and readable from a point at least two hundred feet distant.

(c) In the event such vehicle is operated on a public highway during the period between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise, the signs required by paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall be illuminated as to be visible from a point at least five hundred feet distant. REFLECTORIZED SIGNS ALLOWED IN SUBPARAGRAPH ONE OF PARAGRAPH (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE ILLUMINATED.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate any necessary rules and regulations for the implementation of this act.