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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:

1 Section 1. Subparagraph 1 of paragraph (b) and paragraph (c) of subdi-
2 vision 20 of section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law, subparagraph 1
3 of paragraph (b) as amended by chapter 242 of the laws of 1992 and para-
4 graph (c) as amended by chapter 96 of the laws of 1973, are amended to
5 read as follows:
6 (1) In addition to such signal lamps, two signs shall be conspicuously
7 displayed [on the exterior] CENTERED ON THE UPPER FRONT OF REAR EXTERIOR
8 BODY SURFACES of every such omnibus designating it as a school omnibus
9 by the use of the words "SCHOOL BUS" [which]. SUCH SIGNS SHALL BE
10 CONSTRUCTED WITH REFLECTORIZED TYPE III MATERIAL AS REQUIRED BY 49 CFR
11 571.131 S6.1 TABLE 1 FOR BOTH THE BACKGROUND AND LETTERING. THE BACK-
12 GROUND SHALL BE NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS CHROME AND THE LETTERING SHALL BE
13 BLACK. THE LETTERING shall be painted or otherwise inscribed thereon in
14 black letters. [Such letters] THE LETTERING shall be of uniform size,
15 at least eight inches in height, and each stroke of each letter shall be
16 not less than one inch in width. [The background of each such sign
17 shall be painted the color known as "national school bus chrome." For
18 each such omnibus having a seating capacity in excess of fifteen chil-
19 dren, such signs shall be securely mounted on top of such vehicle, one
20 of which shall be affixed on the front and one on the rear thereof.] For
21 each such omnibus having a seating capacity of not more than fifteen
22 children, such signs shall be securely mounted on top of such vehicle,
23 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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1 [thereof]. [Each] ALL such [sign] "SCHOOL BUS" SIGNS shall be visible
2 and readable from a point at least two hundred feet distant.
3 (c) In the event such vehicle is operated on a public highway during
4 the period between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before
5 sunrise, the signs required by paragraph (b) of this subdivision shall
6 be illuminated as to be visible from a point at least five hundred feet
7 distant. REFLECTORIZED SIGNS ALLOWED IN SUBPARAGRAPH ONE OF PARAGRAPH
8 (B) OF THIS SUBDIVISION ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE ILLUMINATED.
9 S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after
10 it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the commissioner of
11 motor vehicles is authorized to promulgate any necessary rules and regu-
12 lations for the implementation of this act.