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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring that the five hour pre-licensing course include a motorcycle safety and awareness component, and that the driver's license examination include two questions concerning motorcycle safety and awareness

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of
2 section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 458 of
3 the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
4 (i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the
5 applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence
6 of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the
7 laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicat-
8 ed, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", or "Work Zone Safe-
9 ty" awareness as defined by the commissioner, the law relating to exer-
10 cising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing
11 authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section elev-
12 en hundred forty-four-a of this chapter, the ability to read and compre-
13 hend traffic signs and symbols and such other matters as the commission-
14 er may prescribe, and to satisfactorily complete a course prescribed by
15 the commissioner of not less than four hours and not more than five
16 hours, consisting of classroom driver training, MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND
17 AWARENESS INSTRUCTION and highway safety instruction or the equivalent
18 thereof. Such test shall include at least seven written questions

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

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1 concerning the effects of consumption of alcohol or drugs on the ability
2 of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial
3 consequences resulting from violations of section eleven hundred nine-
4 ty-two of this chapter, prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle
5 while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Such test shall include
6 one or more written questions concerning the devastating effects of
7 "Road Rage" on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and
8 the legal and financial consequences resulting from assaulting, threat-
9 ening or interfering with the lawful conduct of another person legally
10 using the roadway. Such test shall include one or more questions
11 concerning the potential dangers to persons and equipment resulting from
12 the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle in a work zone. SUCH TEST SHALL
13 INCLUDE AT LEAST TWO WRITTEN QUESTIONS CONCERNING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND
14 AWARENESS AND THE POTENTIAL DANGERS TO MOTORCYCLISTS RESULTING FROM THE
15 UNSAFE BEHAVIOR OF A DRIVER OR OPERATION OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHARING THE
16 ROADWAYS WITH SUCH MOTORCYCLISTS. Such test may include one or more
17 questions concerning the law for exercising due care to avoid colliding
18 with a parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle or
19 hazard vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this
20 chapter. Such test shall be administered by the commissioner. The
21 commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a vision test and a test
22 for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision test, the application
23 may be accepted and the application fee shall be payable.
24 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.