2013-2014 Regular Sessions

IN SENATE

May 14, 2013

Introduced by Sen. MARCELLINO -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to prohibiting the use of wearable computers while operating a motor vehicle

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

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 1225-d of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 403 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:

- (a) "Portable electronic device" shall mean any hand-held mobile telephone, as defined by subdivision one of section twelve hundred twenty-five-c of this article, personal digital assistant (PDA), handheld device with mobile data access, laptop computer, pager, broadband personal communication device, two-way messaging device, electronic game, [or] portable computing device OR A COMPUTING DEVICE WHICH IS WORN ON THE HEAD OR OTHER PART OF THE BODY AND PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION INTO THE FIELD OF VISION OF THE WEARER.
- S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 1225-d of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by section 8 of part C chapter 58 of the laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:
- (a) "Portable electronic device" shall mean any hand-held mobile telephone, as defined by subdivision one of section twelve hundred twenty-five-c of this article, personal digital assistant (PDA), handheld device with mobile data access, laptop computer, pager, broadband personal communication device, two-way messaging device, electronic game, [or] portable computing device OR A COMPUTING DEVICE WHICH IS WORN ON THE HEAD OR OTHER PART OF THE BODY AND PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION INTO THE FIELD OF VISION OF THE WEARER, or any other electronic device when used to input, write, send, receive, or read text for present or future communication.

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

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S 3. This act shall take effect immediately; provided that the amendments to paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 1225-d of the vehicle and traffic law made by section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 8 of part C chapter 58 of the laws of 2013 takes effect.