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

AN ACT to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to school zone speed limits and signage and other traffic calming devices

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

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 19-177 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 6 of the city of New York for the year 1996, is amended and a new subdivision d is added to read as follows:

a. The official speed limit for a vehicle in the city of New York shall be thirty miles per hour, EXCEPT THAT SCHOOL SPEED LIMITS MAY BE ESTABLISHED AT NOT LESS THAN FIFTEEN MILES PER HOUR, FOR A DISTANCE NOT TO EXCEED ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED TWENTY FEET, ON A HIGHWAY PASSING A SCHOOL BUILDING, ENTRANCE OR EXIT OF A SCHOOL ABUTTING ON THE HIGHWAY, OR except where an official sign indicates that a different speed limit is in effect.

D. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL POST AT EACH PUBLIC AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL, SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT SIGNS. NO PERSON SHALL DRIVE IN EXCESS OF SUCH MAXIMUM SCHOOL SPEED LIMITS DURING:

1. SCHOOL DAYS AT TIMES INDICATED ON THE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT SIGN, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH TIMES SHALL BE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF SEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. AND SIX O'CLOCK P.M. OR ALTERNATIVE TIMES WITHIN SUCH HOURS; OR

2. A PERIOD WHEN THE BEACONS ATTACHED TO THE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT SIGN ARE FLASHING AND SUCH SIGN IS EQUIPPED WITH A NOTICE THAT INDICATES THAT THE SCHOOL ZONE SPEED LIMIT IS IN EFFECT WHEN SUCH BEACONS ARE FLASHING, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH BEACONS SHALL ONLY FLASH DURING STUDENT ACTIVITIES AT THE SCHOOL AND UP TO THIRTY MINUTES IMMEDIATELY BEFORE AND UP TO THIRTY MINUTES IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUCH STUDENT ACTIVITIES.

S 2. Paragraph 3 of subdivision a and subdivision b of section 19-183 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local

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

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law number 64 of the city of New York for the year 2010, are amended and two new subdivisions c and d are added to read as follows:

3. "Traffic calming device" shall mean any device, not governed by the manual on uniform traffic control devices, including, but not limited to, speed humps, curb extensions, traffic diverters, FLASHING BEACONS, median barriers and raised walkways, installed on a street and intended to slow, reduce or alter motor vehicle traffic to improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists.

b. The department shall establish guidelines governing the approval and placement of traffic calming devices. Such guidelines shall consider whether such traffic calming devices would be installed [adjacent to a school or] in a location where a high percentage of seniors use the streets, such as locations adjacent to senior centers and nursing homes, and any other locations as determined by the department. Such guidelines shall list the conditions under which installation of such traffic calming device may be appropriate. Such guidelines shall be distributed to any entity upon request and shall be published on the department's website.

C. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INSTALL AND MAINTAIN TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ADJACENT TO SCHOOLS AND ANY OTHER LOCATIONS AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR STUDENT SAFETY.

D. NOT LATER THAN MARCH FIRST OF EACH YEAR, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL TRANSMIT TO THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL A REPORT SETTING FORTH, WITH RESPECT TO THE PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. THE LOCATION OF EACH SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT ZONE SIGN;

2. THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED FOR SPEED VIOLATIONS IN EACH SUCH SPEED ZONE;

3. THE EFFECT THAT SUCH SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT ZONE SIGNS HAVE ON THE NUMBER OF CITATIONS ISSUED AND NUMBER OF ACCIDENTS OCCURRING WITHIN EACH SUCH ZONE; PROVIDED THAT SUCH EFFECT SHALL INCLUDE STATISTICS REGARDING THE CITATIONS ISSUED AND ACCIDENTS FOR EACH SPEED ZONE DURING THE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR CALENDAR YEAR; AND

4. THE EFFECT THAT SUCH SCHOOL SPEED ZONES HAVE ON THE TRAFFIC FLOW AND SPEED VIOLATIONS IN AREAS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL SPEED LIMIT ZONES.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred eightieth day after it shall have become a law. Effective immediately, the addition, amendment and/or repeal of any rule or regulation necessary for the implementation of this act on its effective date are authorized to be made and completed on or before such effective date.