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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:

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

4 (a) "Portable electronic device" shall mean any hand-held mobile tele-
5 phone, as defined by subdivision one of section twelve hundred twenty-
6 five-c of this article, personal digital assistant (PDA), handheld
7 device with mobile data access, laptop computer, pager, broadband
8 personal communication device, two-way messaging device, electronic
9 game, [or] portable computing device OR A COMPUTING DEVICE WHICH IS WORN
10 ON THE HEAD OR OTHER PART OF THE BODY AND PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION
11 INTO THE FIELD OF VISION OF THE WEARER.

12 S 2. Paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of section 1225-d of the vehicle
13 and traffic law, as amended by section 8 of part C chapter 58 of the
14 laws of 2013, is amended to read as follows:

15 (a) "Portable electronic device" shall mean any hand-held mobile tele-
16 phone, as defined by subdivision one of section twelve hundred twenty-
17 five-c of this article, personal digital assistant (PDA), handheld
18 device with mobile data access, laptop computer, pager, broadband
19 personal communication device, two-way messaging device, electronic
20 game, [or] portable computing device OR A COMPUTING DEVICE WHICH IS WORN
21 ON THE HEAD OR OTHER PART OF THE BODY AND PROJECTS VISUAL INFORMATION
22 INTO THE FIELD OF VISION OF THE WEARER, or any other electronic device
23 when used to input, write, send, receive, or read text for present or
24 future communication.

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

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