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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to penalties for certain traffic violations

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

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1132 to read as follows:

S 1132. LANE SAFETY. TO DECREASE ROAD RAGE, WHEN A ROADWAY IS DIVIDED INTO CLEARLY MARKED LANES FOR TRAFFIC, DRIVERS OF VEHICLES SHALL OBEY THE FOLLOWING:

(A) A VEHICLE SHALL NORMALLY BE DRIVEN IN THE LANE NEAREST THE RIGHT-HAND EDGE OR CURB OF THE ROADWAY WHEN THAT LANE IS AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL, EXCEPT WHEN OVERTAKING ANOTHER VEHICLE OR IN PREPARATION FOR A LEFT TURN.

(B) A VEHICLE SHALL BE DRIVEN AS NEARLY AS PRACTICABLE ENTIRELY WITHIN A SINGLE LANE AND SHALL NOT BE MOVED FROM THAT LANE UNTIL THE DRIVER HAS FIRST ASCERTAINED THAT THE MOVEMENT CAN BE MADE WITH SAFETY.

(C) UPON A HIGHWAY WHICH IS DIVIDED INTO THREE LANES, A VEHICLE SHALL NOT BE DRIVEN IN THE CENTER LANE EXCEPT WHEN OVERTAKING OR PASSING ANOTHER VEHICLE OR IN PREPARATION FOR A LEFT TURN OR UNLESS THE CENTER LANE IS AT THE TIME ALLOCATED FOR TRAFFIC MOVING IN THE DIRECTION THE VEHICLE IS PROCEEDING AND IS SIGNPOSTED TO GIVE NOTICE OF THAT ALLOCATION.

(D) THE COMMISSIONER SHALL, BY REGULATION, OR LOCAL AUTHORITIES SHALL, BY RESOLUTION OR ORDINANCE WITH RESPECT TO HIGHWAYS UNDER THEIR JURISDICTION, DESIGNATE RIGHT-HAND LANES FOR SLOW MOVING TRAFFIC AND INSIDE LANES FOR TRAFFIC MOVING AT THE SPEED DESIGNATED FOR THE DISTRICT, AND WHEN THE LANES ARE SIGNPOSTED OR MARKED TO GIVE NOTICE OF THE DESIGNATION, A VEHICLE MAY BE DRIVEN IN ANY LANE ALLOCATED TO TRAFFIC MOVING IN THE DIRECTION IN WHICH IT IS PROCEEDING, BUT WHEN TRAVELING WITHIN

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

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THE INSIDE LANES, THE VEHICLE SHALL BE DRIVEN AT APPROXIMATELY THE SPEED AUTHORIZED IN SUCH LANES AND SPEED SHALL NOT BE DECREASED UNNECESSARILY SO AS TO BLOCK, HINDER OR SLOW TRAFFIC.

(E) THE PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE THAN THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.