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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring drivers between sixteen and twenty-five years of age to take and pass the national safety council course, or a similar nationally approved course approved by the department of motor vehicles in order to obtain a license or upon conviction of a moving violation

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

Section 1. Subdivision 2 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new paragraph (c-1) to read as follows:

(C-1) AS A PREREQUISITE TO RECEIVING A LICENSE, AN APPLICANT FOR A CLASS D LICENSE WHO IS AT LEAST SIXTEEN BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AND PASS THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL COURSE, OR A SIMILAR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COURSE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, RELATING TO YOUNG DRIVER'S ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS BEHIND THE WHEEL. THE COURSE MUST BE NOT LESS THAN FOUR HOURS OR MORE THAN FIVE HOURS, CONSISTING OF CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION RELATING TO THE EFFECTS OF DRIVER INEXPERIENCE, PEER PRESSURE AND DISTRACTIONS SUCH AS CELL PHONES AND TEXTING; WHY YOUNG DRIVERS HAVE SUCH HIGH CRASH VIOLATION RATES AND HOW DRIVING BEHAVIORS AND ATTITUDES CONTRIBUTE; HAZARD RECOGNITION; ADOPTING SAFE DRIVING BEHAVIORS AND PRACTICES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PASSENGERS. ANY LICENSED DRIVER AT LEAST EIGHTEEN BUT NOT MORE THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AGE WHO IS CONVICTED OF A MOVING VIOLATION SHALL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE AND PASS THE NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL COURSE, OR A SIMILAR NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED COURSE APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, RELATING TO YOUNG DRIVER'S ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS BEHIND THE WHEEL.

S 2. The commissioner of the department of motor vehicles will establish an application fee for the driver safety course described in

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

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section one of this act, as he or she deems appropriate. The fee shall be paid by applicants for a class D license who are under the age of twenty-five. All revenues generated by such fees shall be expended to cover the costs of implementing the driver's safety course program and the processing of any information necessary to implementing the program.

S 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeeding the date upon which it shall have become a law.