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Introduced by M. of A. MAYER -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring the installation of partitions and shields on Westchester county omnibuses

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

Section 1. Section 375 of the vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new subdivision 52 to read as follows:

52. WESTCHESTER COUNTY OMNIBUS PARTITIONS AND SHIELDS. EVERY OMNIBUS SEATING TWENTY OR MORE PASSENGERS CURRENTLY OPERATED PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR THE PROVISION OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MASS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC OVER FIXED ROUTES SHALL, ON OR BEFORE JUNE THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, BE EQUIPPED WITH PARTITIONS OR SHIELDS MADE IN WHOLE OR IN PART OF PLEXIGLASS OR OTHER SHATTERPROOF MATERIAL MEETING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE COMMISSION OF TRANSPORTATION, IN AN "L" SHAPED CONFIGURATION WHICH EFFECTIVELY SEPARATES AND SHIELDS THE OPERATOR FROM THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT OF SUCH OMNIBUS. IN THE CASE OF AN OMNIBUS OPERATING PRIOR TO ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBDIVISION BUT EXPECTED TO BE IN SERVICE AFTER JUNE THIRTIETH, TWO THOUSAND EIGHTEEN, THE OWNER OF SUCH OMNIBUSES SHALL SUBMIT, TO THE COMMISSIONER OF TRANSPORTATION, A SCHEDULE OF THE ANNUAL RATE AT WHICH SUCH OMNIBUSES SHALL BE RETROFITTED TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBDIVISION. SUCH SCHEDULE SHALL INCLUDE THE MOTOR VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF EACH OMNIBUS SCHEDULED FOR RETROFIT IN A GIVEN YEAR AND SHALL, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, PROVIDE FOR THE COMPLETION OF SUCH RETROFITTING IN EQUAL PROPORTIONS ANNUALLY. ANY SUCH OMNIBUSES ACQUIRED AFTER THE ENACTMENT OF THIS SUBDIVISION SHALL BE EQUIPPED WITH A PARTITION OR SHIELD AS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBDIVISION.

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

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S 2. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that effective immediately, the commissioner of transportation is authorized to promulgate such rules and regulations as he or she deems necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act on such date.