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IN SENATE -- Introduced by Sen. LAVALLE -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to requiring drivers to stop for pedestrians on sidewalks and in crosswalks

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

Section 1. Section 1151-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as added by chapter 603 of the laws of 1970, is amended to read as follows:

S 1151-a. Pedestrians' right of way on sidewalks. The driver of a vehicle emerging from or entering an alleyway, building, private road or driveway shall [yield the right of way to] STOP FOR any pedestrian approaching on any sidewalk extending across such alleyway, building entrance, road or driveway.

S 2. Subdivision (a) of section 1151 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 159 of the laws of 2002, is amended to read as follows:

(a) When traffic-control signals are not in place or not in operation the driver of a vehicle shall [yield the right of way, slowing down or stopping if need be to so yield, to] STOP FOR a pedestrian crossing the roadway within a crosswalk on the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling, except that any pedestrian crossing a roadway at a point where a pedestrian tunnel or overpass has been provided shall yield the right of way to all vehicles.

S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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

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