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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to interference with a funeral procession

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. INTERFERENCE WITH A FUNERAL PROCESSION. (A) THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE SHALL NOT ENTER, DRIVE BETWEEN, OBSTRUCT, HINDER OR IN ANY WAY INTERFERE WITH THE VEHICLES CONSTITUTING A FUNERAL PROCESSION WHILE SUCH VEHICLES ARE IN MOTION UNLESS SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE IS PART OF SUCH PROCESSION, EXCEPT WHEN AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY A POLICE OFFICER OR WHEN SUCH MOTOR VEHICLE IS AN AUTHORIZED EMERGENCY VEHICLE EXHIBITING A VISIBLE SIGNAL AND SOUNDING AN AUDIBLE SIGNAL OR WHEN COMPLYING WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR-A OF THIS TITLE.

(B) ANY PERSON OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE IN VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE GUILTY OF A TRAFFIC INFRACTION AND SUBJECT TO A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN FIFTY DOLLARS. THE COMMISSIONER SHALL NOT ASSESS ANY POINTS AGAINST THE LICENSE OF A PERSON FOUND TO HAVE VIOLATED THE PROVISIONS OF SUBDIVISION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

(C) NO PROVISION OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DEEMED TO IMPOSE ANY LIABILITY FOR PERSONAL INJURY OR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION UPON A FUNERAL FIRM OR ANY PERSON LICENSED OR REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT THEREOF, WHEN SUCH FIRM, PERSON, EMPLOYEE OR AGENT IS ACTING WITHIN THE SCOPE OF HIS, HER OR ITS DUTIES. HOWEVER, ANY FUNERAL FIRM OR ANY PERSON LICENSED OR REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH LAW, OR ANY EMPLOYEE OR AGENT THEREOF, SHALL AT ALL TIMES

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

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OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL STANDARDS OF CARE IMPOSED TO PREVENT SUCH INJURIES OR DAMAGES TO PERSONS AND/OR PROPERTY OF ANOTHER.

S 2. This act shall take effect on the first of September next succeeding the date on which it shall have become a law.