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AN ACT to amend the transportation law, in relation to requiring the department of transportation to maintain a website or webpage where users may report defects on state highways and bridges

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

Section 1. Section 14 of the transportation law is amended by adding a new subdivision 36 to read as follows:

36. (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE A WEBSITE, OR DEVELOP AND MAKE AVAILABLE A PAGE ON ITS WEBSITE:

(I) PROVIDING AN OPPORTUNITY FOR WEBSITE USERS TO REPORT DEFECTS ON STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, AS WELL AS ANY OTHER ARTERIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT'S JURISDICTION; AND

(II) PROVIDING A WEB MAPPING SERVICE APPLICATION DISPLAYING THE LOCATIONS OF THE REPORTED DEFECTS AND ANY DEPARTMENTAL ACTIONS RESPONDING TO AND REMEDYING THE REPORTED DEFECTS. MAPPING SERVICE APPLICATIONS SHALL INCLUDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS NECESSARY.

(B) THE WEBSITE SHALL (I) MAKE PROVISION FOR EACH DEFECT REPORTER TO PROVIDE HIS OR HER NAME, AS WELL AS AN ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER AT WHICH THE REPORTER CAN BE CONTACTED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITH UPDATES ON THE DEFECT REPORTED;

(II) TRACK AND PRESERVE DEFECTS REPORTED IN LIST AND MAP FORMAT; AND

(III) PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR REPORTING OF REGION- AND HIGHWAY-WIDE DEFECTS AS WELL AS SPECIFIC DEFECTS ALONG MORE PARTICULARIZED LOCATIONS, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, MILE MARKERS.

(C) THE LISTING AND MAP SHALL BE UPDATED NO LESS THAN ONCE EVERY TEN DAYS TO REFLECT ANY DEFECTS REPORTED AND REPAIRS MADE. DEFECTS AND REPAIRS REPORTED SHALL BE PRESERVED FOR A MINIMUM OF THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIVE DAYS FROM THE TIME OF REPORTING OR REPAIR.

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

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(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY COLLECT AND REPORT SUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND ISSUES WITH RESPECT TO HIGHWAY AND BRIDGE CONDITIONS AND DEFECTS AS IT DEEMS NECESSARY.

(E) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION FOR THE DEFECT REPORTER SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION EIGHTY-SEVEN OF THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW.

S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.