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

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to vehicle  
operation on approach of authorized emergency vehicles

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

- 1 Section 1. Subdivision (a) of section 1144 of the vehicle and traffic  
2 law, as amended by chapter 606 of the laws of 1994, is amended to read  
3 as follows:  
4 (a) Upon the immediate approach of an authorized emergency vehicle  
5 equipped with at least one lighted lamp exhibiting red OR BLUE light  
6 visible under normal atmospheric conditions from a distance of five  
7 hundred feet to the front of such vehicle other than a police vehicle or  
8 bicycle when operated as an authorized emergency vehicle INCLUDING  
9 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, and when audible signals are sounded from any  
10 said vehicle by siren, exhaust whistle, bell, air-horn or electronic  
11 equivalent; the driver of every other vehicle shall yield the right of  
12 way and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to, and as close  
13 as possible to the right-hand edge or curb of the roadway, or to either  
14 edge of a one-way roadway three or more lanes in width, clear of any  
15 intersection, and shall stop and remain in such position until the  
16 authorized emergency vehicle has passed, unless otherwise directed by a  
17 police officer.  
18 S 2. 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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