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Introduced by Sens. MARCELLINO, AKSHAR -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Senate Rule 6, sec. 8 -- 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 including vehicles operated by sanitation workers in the definition of "hazard vehicle" and to including hazard vehicles within certain speed restrictions

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

1 Section 1. Section 117-a of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by
2 chapter 154 of the laws of 1992, is amended to read as follows:
3 S 117-a. Hazard vehicle. Every vehicle owned and operated or leased
4 by a utility, whether public or private, used in the construction, main-
5 tenance and repair of its facilities, every vehicle specially equipped
6 or designed for the towing or pushing of disabled vehicles, every vehi-
7 cle engaged in highway maintenance, or in ice and snow removal where
8 such operation involves the use of a public highway, EVERY VEHICLE OPER-
9 ATED BY A SANITATION OR RECYCLING WORKER IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS OR
10 HER OFFICIAL DUTIES and vehicles driven by rural letter carriers while
11 in the performance of [their] HIS OR HER official duties.
12 S 2. Subdivision (e) of section 1180 of the vehicle and traffic law,
13 as amended by chapter 465 of the laws of 2010, is amended to read as
14 follows:
15 (e) The driver of every vehicle shall, consistent with the require-
16 ments of subdivision (a) of this section, drive at an appropriate
17 reduced speed when approaching and crossing an intersection or railway
18 grade crossing, when approaching and going around a curve, when
19 approaching a hill crest, when approaching and passing by an emergency

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

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1 situation involving any authorized emergency vehicle which is parked,
2 stopped or standing on a highway and which is displaying one or more red
3 or combination red, white, and/or blue lights pursuant to the provisions
4 of paragraph two and subparagraph b of paragraph four of subdivision
5 forty-one of section three hundred seventy-five of this chapter, when
6 traveling upon any narrow or winding roadway, and when any special
7 hazard exists with respect to pedestrians, or other traffic by reason of
8 weather or highway conditions, including, but not limited to a highway
9 construction or maintenance work area, OR WHEN APPROACHING A HAZARD
10 VEHICLE WHICH IS PARKED, STOPPED OR STANDING ON THE SHOULDER OR ON ANY
11 PORTION OF SUCH HIGHWAY AND SUCH HAZARD VEHICLE IS DISPLAYING ONE OR
12 MORE AMBER LIGHTS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH THREE OF
13 SUBDIVISION FORTY-ONE OF SECTION THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FIVE OF THIS
14 CHAPTER.

15 S 3. This act shall take effect immediately.