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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to procedures engaged in by investigating peace or police officers responding to traffic accidents involving a pedestrian or bicyclist and an omnibus

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

1     Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new  
2     section 600-a to read as follows:  
3     S 600-A. ACCIDENTS INVOLVING PEDESTRIANS OR BICYCLISTS AND AN OMNIBUS.  
4     NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LOCAL LAW, ORDINANCE OR RULE, ANY PEACE OFFICER OR  
5     POLICE OFFICER RESPONDING TO THE SCENE OF AN ACCIDENT INVOLVING A COLLI-  
6     SION BETWEEN AN OMNIBUS AND EITHER A PEDESTRIAN OR BICYCLE OPERATOR, WHO  
7     IS CONDUCTING AN INVESTIGATION AS TO THE CAUSE FOR SUCH COLLISION AND IS  
8     RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPLETION OF AN ACCIDENT REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS  
9     ARTICLE, SHALL ISSUE A SIMPLIFIED TRAFFIC INFORMATION FOR THE OMNIBUS  
10    OPERATOR TO APPEAR IN A COURT HAVING COMPETENT JURISDICTION IF SUCH  
11    OFFICER HAS A REASONABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT A TRAFFIC INFRACTION,  
12    OTHER THAN A VIOLATION OF SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION ELEVEN HUNDRED  
13    NINETY-TWO OF THIS CHAPTER, OR MISDEMEANOR, OTHER THAN A MISDEMEANOR  
14    DEFINED BY THIS CHAPTER, HAS BEEN COMMITTED BY THE OMNIBUS OPERATOR. IF  
15    THE DRIVER OF THE OMNIBUS IS DULY LICENSED UNDER ARTICLE NINETEEN-A OF  
16    THIS CHAPTER, HAS REMAINED AT THE SCENE OF SUCH ACCIDENT AND HAS COOPER-  
17    ATED WITH THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER, THEN SUCH OFFICER SHALL NOT DETAIN  
18    OR OTHERWISE PREVENT SUCH OPERATOR FROM LEAVING THE SCENE OF SUCH ACCI-  
19    DENT AFTER THE OFFICER HAS COMPLETED HIS OR HER IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION  
20    AT THE SCENE OF SUCH ACCIDENT.  
21    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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