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AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to driver training and highway safety instruction course

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

1 Section 1. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of
2 section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 458 of
3 the laws of 2011, is amended to read as follows:
4 (i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the
5 applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence
6 of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the
7 laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicat-
8 ed, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", or "Work Zone Safe-
9 ty" awareness as defined by the commissioner, the law relating to exer-
10 cising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing
11 authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section elev-
12 en hundred forty-four-a of this chapter, the ability to read and compre-
13 hend traffic signs and symbols and such other matters as the commission-
14 er may prescribe, and to satisfactorily complete a course prescribed by
15 the commissioner of not less than four hours and not more than five
16 hours, consisting of [classroom] driver training and highway safety
17 instruction or the equivalent thereof DELIVERED BY A STATE-APPROVED
18 CLASSROOM OR ONLINE PROVIDER. Such test shall include at least seven
19 written questions concerning the effects of consumption of alcohol or
20 drugs on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the
21 legal and financial consequences resulting from violations of section
22 eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohibiting the operation of
23 a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Such test
24 shall include one or more written questions concerning the devastating
25 effects of "Road Rage" on the ability of a person to operate a motor
26 vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from assault-
27 ing, threatening or interfering with the lawful conduct of another
28 person legally using the roadway. Such test shall include one or more

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

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1 questions concerning the potential dangers to persons and equipment
2 resulting from the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle in a work zone.
3 Such test may include one or more questions concerning the law for exer-
4 cising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing
5 authorized emergency vehicle or hazard vehicle pursuant to section elev-
6 en hundred forty-four-a of this chapter. Such test shall be administered
7 by the commissioner. The commissioner shall cause the applicant to take
8 a vision test and a test for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision
9 test, the application may be accepted and the application fee shall be
10 payable.
11 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.