

STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 17, 2017

Introduced by Sen. GOLDEN -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Transportation

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 97 of
3 the laws of 2016, 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

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

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1 vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from assault-
2 ing, threatening or interfering with the lawful conduct of another
3 person legally using the roadway. Such test shall include one or more
4 questions concerning the potential dangers to persons and equipment
5 resulting from the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle in a work zone.
6 Such test may include one or more questions concerning the law for exer-
7 cising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or standing
8 vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this chapter.
9 Such test shall be administered by the commissioner. The commissioner
10 shall cause the applicant to take a vision test and a test for color
11 blindness. Upon passage of the vision test, the application may be
12 accepted and the application fee shall be payable.

13 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately; provided, however, that
14 if section 2 of chapter 97 of the laws of 2016 shall not have taken
15 effect on or before such date then section one of this act shall take
16 effect on the same date and in the same manner as section 2 of chapter
17 97 of the laws of 2016 takes effect.