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Introduced by M. of A. ORTIZ, GALEF, McDONOUGH -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation -- recommitted to the Committee on Transportation in accordance with Assembly Rule 3, sec. 2 -- 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 requiring the pre-licensing course to include information on organ and tissue donation and how to register as an organ donor

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, and shall also include informa-  
18 tion on organ and tissue donation and how to register as an organ donor.  
19 Such test shall include at least seven written questions concerning the  
20 effects of consumption of alcohol or drugs on the ability of a person to  
21 operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial consequences result-

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

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1 ing from violations of section eleven hundred ninety-two of this chap-  
2 ter, prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influ-  
3 ence of alcohol or drugs. Such test shall include one or more written  
4 questions concerning the devastating effects of "Road Rage" on the abil-  
5 ity of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the legal and financial  
6 consequences resulting from assaulting, threatening or interfering with  
7 the lawful conduct of another person legally using the roadway. Such  
8 test shall include one or more questions concerning the potential  
9 dangers to persons and equipment resulting from the unsafe operation of  
10 a motor vehicle in a work zone. Such test may include one or more ques-  
11 tions concerning the law for exercising due care to avoid colliding with  
12 a parked, stopped or standing vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred  
13 forty-four-a of this chapter. Such test shall be administered by the  
14 commissioner. The commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a  
15 vision test and a test for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision  
16 test, the application may be accepted and the application fee shall be  
17 payable.

18 § 2. Subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 4 of section 502  
19 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 355 of the laws of  
20 2017, is amended to read as follows:

21 (i) Upon submission of an application for a driver's license, the  
22 applicant shall be required to take and pass a test, or submit evidence  
23 of passage of a test, with respect to the laws relating to traffic, the  
24 laws relating to driving while ability is impaired and while intoxicat-  
25 ed, under the overpowering influence of "Road Rage", "Work Zone Safety"  
26 awareness and "Motorcycle Safety" awareness as defined by the commis-  
27 sioner, the law relating to exercising due care to avoid colliding with  
28 a parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle or hazard  
29 vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this chapter,  
30 the ability to read and comprehend traffic signs and symbols and such  
31 other matters as the commissioner may prescribe, and to satisfactorily  
32 complete a course prescribed by the commissioner of not less than four  
33 hours and not more than five hours, consisting of classroom driver  
34 training and highway safety instruction or the equivalent thereof, and  
35 shall also include information on organ and tissue donation and how to  
36 register as an organ donor. Such test shall include at least seven  
37 written questions concerning the effects of consumption of alcohol or  
38 drugs on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the  
39 legal and financial consequences resulting from violations of section  
40 eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohibiting the operation of  
41 a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Such test  
42 shall include one or more written questions concerning the devastating  
43 effects of "Road Rage" on the ability of a person to operate a motor  
44 vehicle and the legal and financial consequences resulting from assault-  
45 ing, threatening or interfering with the lawful conduct of another  
46 person legally using the roadway. Such test shall include one or more  
47 questions concerning the potential dangers to persons and equipment  
48 resulting from the unsafe operation of a motor vehicle in a work zone.  
49 Such test may include one or more questions concerning motorcycle safe-  
50 ty. Such test may include one or more questions concerning the law for  
51 exercising due care to avoid colliding with a parked, stopped or stand-  
52 ing vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this  
53 chapter. Such test shall be administered by the commissioner. The  
54 commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a vision test and a test  
55 for color blindness. Upon passage of the vision test, the application  
56 may be accepted and the application fee shall be payable.

1 § 3. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
2 ing the date on which it shall have become a law; provided, however,  
3 that if chapter 355 of the laws of 2017 shall not have taken effect on  
4 or before such effective date, then section two of this act shall take  
5 effect on the same date and in the same manner as chapter 355 of the  
6 laws of 2017 takes effect.