STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN SENATE

January 10, 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 permitting travel in designated bus lanes under certain conditions

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The vehicle and traffic law is amended by adding a new section 1116-a to read as follows:

§ 1116-a. Travel in designated bus lanes. 1. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, when designated bus lane restrictions are in effect on a street in a mixed residential and commercial zone, except during rush hour, it shall not be a violation of law for a vehicle to drive in such designated bus lane provided such vehicle is at a distance of not less than two hundred fifty feet in front and ahead of a bus in the designated bus lane and the driver of the vehicle promptly exits the bus lane, thereby leaving the designated bus lane free and clear for the bus.

2. For purposes of this section, "rush hour" shall mean the hours of six a.m. through ten a.m. Monday through Friday and four p.m. through seven p.m. Monday through Friday or the period, as designated by the local transit authority, when bus service provided is at its peak levels.

§ 2. This act shall take effect on the ninetieth day after it shall have become a law.

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

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