STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

January 21, 2020

Introduced by M. of A. STIRPE -- read once and referred to the Committee on Transportation

AN ACT to amend the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to parking spaces for handicapped persons

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

Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 355 of the laws of 2017, is amended and a new paragraph (i) is added to read as follows:

(b) Upon successful completion of the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision which shall include an alcohol and drug education component as described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, a "Road Rage" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-1) of this subdivision and a "Work Zone Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-2) of this subdivision, and a "Motorcycle Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-3) of this subdivision**, and instruction in the laws relating to parking spaces for the handicapped as described in paragraph (i) of this subdivision,** the commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a road test in a representative vehicle of a type prescribed by the commissioner which shall be appropriate to the type of license for which application is made, except that the commissioner may waive the road test requirements for certain classes of applicants. The commissioner shall have the power to establish a program to allow persons other than employees of the department to conduct road tests in representative vehicles when such tests are required for applicants to obtain a class A, B or C license. If **he or** she chooses to do so, **he or** she shall set forth her reasons in writing and conduct a public hearing on the matter. [~~She~~] **He or she** shall only establish such a program after holding the public hearing.

(i) The commissioner shall provide in the pre-licensing course, set forth in paragraph (b) of this subdivision a mandatory component in education of the laws relating to handicapped accessible parking.

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

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§ 2. Paragraph (b) of subdivision 4 of section 502 of the vehicle and traffic law, as amended by chapter 513 of the laws of 2019, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Upon successful completion of the requirements set forth in paragraph (a) of this subdivision which shall include an alcohol and drug education component as described in paragraph (c) of this subdivision, a "Road Rage" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-1) of this subdivision and a "Work Zone Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-2) of this subdivision, a "Motorcycle Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-3) of this subdivision, and a "School Bus Safety" awareness component as described in paragraph (c-4) of this subdivision**, and instruction in the laws relating to parking spaces for the handicapped as described in paragraph (i) of this subdivision,** the commissioner shall cause the applicant to take a road test in a representative vehicle of a type prescribed by the commissioner which shall be appropriate to the type of license for which application is made, except that the commissioner may waive the road test requirements for certain classes of applicants. The commissioner shall have the power to establish a program to allow persons other than employees of the department to conduct road tests in representative vehicles when such tests are required for applicants to obtain a class A, B or C license. If **he or** she chooses to do so, **he or** she shall set forth her reasons in writing and conduct a public hearing on the matter. [~~She~~] **He or she** shall only establish such a program after holding the public hearing.

§ 3. This act shall take effect on the one hundred twentieth day after it shall have become a law; provided, however, that if chapter 513 of the laws of 2019 shall not have taken effect on or before such date then section two of this act shall take effect on the same date and in the same manner as such chapter of the laws of 2019 takes effect.