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## IN SENATE

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Introduced by Sen. COMRIE -- 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 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 355 of  
3 the laws of 2017, 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", "Work Zone Safety"  
9 awareness and "Motorcycle Safety" awareness as defined by the commis-  
10 sioner, the law relating to exercising due care to avoid colliding with  
11 a parked, stopped or standing authorized emergency vehicle or hazard  
12 vehicle pursuant to section eleven hundred forty-four-a of this chapter,  
13 the ability to read and comprehend traffic signs and symbols and such  
14 other matters as the commissioner may prescribe, and to satisfactorily  
15 complete a course prescribed by the commissioner of not less than four  
16 hours and not more than five hours, consisting of classroom driver  
17 training and highway safety instruction or the equivalent thereof, and  
18 shall also include information on organ and tissue donation and how to  
19 register as an organ donor. Such test shall include at least seven  
20 written questions concerning the effects of consumption of alcohol or  
21 drugs on the ability of a person to operate a motor vehicle and the  
22 legal and financial consequences resulting from violations of section  
23 eleven hundred ninety-two of this chapter, prohibiting the operation of  
24 a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Such test

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

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

16 § 2. This act shall take effect on the first of January next succeed-  
17 ing the date on which it shall have become a law.